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Tuesday, October 8:

Coach **Jim Wacker's** media luncheon

Wednesday, October 9:

Junior quarterback **Cory Sauter**

Thursday, October 10:

Senior defensive tackle **Jerome Davis**

Friday, October 11:

Hockey Coach **Doug Woog**

Saturday-Sunday, October 12-13:

Head Football Coach **Jim Wacker's** Northwestern postgame comments

This Week in Gopher Sports

Friday, Oct. 11

• **Tennis**

at Kentucky Invitational
Nutter Tennis Center
Lexington, Kentucky
TBA

Saturday, Oct. 12

• **Football**

at Northwestern
Evanston, Illinois
Dyche Stadium
ESPN2
11:30 a.m.

• **Hockey**

vs. Boston University
Hall of Fame - Exhibition
Target Center
Midwest Sports Channel
7:00 p.m.

• **Tennis**

at Kentucky Invitational
Nutter Tennis Center
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Sunday, Oct. 13

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GOLF

GOLDEN GOPHER GOLF TEAM FINISHES FOURTH AT WOLVERINE INVITATIONAL:

The Golden Gopher golf team finished in fourth place at the Wolverine Invitational in Ann Arbor, Mich., this past weekend at the University of Michigan golf course. Host Michigan won the tournament with a score of 872, 20 strokes ahead of the field. Minnesota fired a 294 on the final round to finish with a score of 893, just one stroke behind Miami of Ohio and Marshall at 292. Indiana fell to fifth at 894. The fourth place finish was Minnesota's third consecutive top five finish this fall in three attempts.

WOLVERINE RECAP: The Maroon and Gold was led by senior captain **MARK HALVERSON** (Fargo, N.D.) who carded a 73 on the final round to finish 16th with a score of 223. **MARTIN LE MESURIER** (Fr., South Hampton, England) and **BILL THOMPSON** (Fr., Wayzata, Minn.) were right behind Halverson at 224 for a 17th-place finish. **ROB KERR** (Jr., Pointe Claire, Quebec, Can.) climbed to 25th with a 74 on the final round and finished with a score of 226. **MATT LEWIS** (Fr., Cedar Rapids, Iowa) rounded out Minnesota's scoring with a 47th-place finish in his first varsity competition.

NEXT UP: The Golden Gophers are off for two weeks before finishing off the fall season Oct. 20-21 at the Duke Invitational.

BY THE NUMBERS: Halverson leads the team with a 72.1 stroke average followed by Kerr at 72.3, Le Mesurier at 74.0, and Thompson at 74.4. Those four have started in all three tournaments with three different individuals starting in the five position.

BALANCING ACT: Once again, Minnesota's balanced attack led them to a top five finish. The Golden Gophers had four of their five starters in the top 25, which marks the third consecutive time that has happened this year and coincides with three top five finishes.

HAIL TO THE BRIT: Big Ten Freshman of the Year candidate Martin Le Mesurier of South Hampton, England, is enjoying an outstanding start to his collegiate career. He has started all three tournaments and has placed in the top 20 in each of them. He is third on the team with a 74.0 stroke average. Once this consistent ball striker learns the North American putting greens, he will be a force for the Golden Gophers.

Wolverine Invitational U of Michigan Golf Course Oct. 5-6, 1996 6,700 yards, Par 71, Course Rating of 72.5 Final Team Standings

1. Michigan, 292-285-295-872
2. Miami of Ohio, 305-281-306-892
Marshall, 300-302-290-892
4. Minnesota, 299-300-599
5. Indiana, 296-296-392-894
6. Illinois, 300-304-296-900
7. Kent, 303-300-298-901
8. Toledo, 298-303-304-905
Ball State, 303-302-300-905
10. Drake, 300-302-304-906
11. Wisconsin, 296-305-310-911
Michigan State, 306-301-304-911
13. Kentucky, 301-310-301-912
14. Purdue, 308-311-295-914
15. Eastern Kentucky, 304-310-309-923
16. Iowa, 304-314-307-925
17. Texas Tech, 314-301-312-927
18. Xavier, 312-309-308-929

Top Ten Individuals

1. Maarten van den Berg, Miami, 73-65-74-212
2. Isaac Hinkle, Michigan, 72-67-74-213
3. Sam O'Dell, Marshall, 70-75-72-217
Steve Shrawder, Marshall, 75-74-68-217
5. David Jasper, Michigan, 71-71-76-218
Kyle Voska, Miami, 74-69-75-218
Randy Leen, Indiana, 73-70-75-218
Kevin Reed, Ball State, 74-72-72-218
Todd Lancaster, Kent, 74-74-70-218
10. Jamie Broce, Ball State, 74-73-72-219
Ed Parga, Illinois, 75-75-69-219
Kyle Dobbs, Michigan, 74-74-71-219

Final Minnesota Scores

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| 16th | Mark Halverson, 71-79-73-223 |
| 17th | Bill Thompson, 74-76-74-224 |
| 17th | Martin Le Mesurier, 79-72-73-224 |
| 25th | Rob Kerr, 75-77-74-226 |
| 47th | Matt Lewis, 82-75-74-231 |



CROSS COUNTRY

1996 CROSS COUNTRY SCHEDULE

DATE	MEET	RESULT
Sept. 7	vs. Northern Iowa (Les Bolstad U of M Golf Course)	1st, 26 pts.
Sept. 14	UMD Invitational (Duluth, Minn.)	1st, 21 pts.
Sept. 28	Minnesota Invitational (Les Bolstad U of M Golf Course)	15th, 342 pts.
Oct. 19	Iowa State Classic (Ames, Iowa)	10:30 a.m.
Oct. 26	Marathon Sports Open (Les Bolstad U of M Golf Course)	11 a.m.
Nov. 2	Big Ten Championships (Bloomington, Ind)	11 a.m.
Nov. 16	Dist. 4 Championships (Champaign, Ill.)	11 a.m.
Nov. 25	NCAA Championships (Tucson, Ariz.)	TBA

HARRIERS AT IOWA STATE CLASSIC ON

OCT. 19: The University of Minnesota men's cross country team will enjoy its second consecutive week off as they prepare for the Iowa State Classic in Ames, Iowa, on October 19. The Golden Gophers will be looking to improve their 15th-place performance at the Roy Griak Invitational on September 28.



TENNIS

GABLER AND SELKIRK COMPETE AT ARIZONA STATE INVITATIONAL:

Senior **BEN GABLER** (Chambersburg, Pa.) and sophomore **ADAM SELKIRK** (St. Joseph, Md.) competed in the Thunderbirds Invitational in Tempe, Ariz., this weekend.

With temperatures soaring near 100 degrees all weekend, Gabler and Selkirk both picked up wins in the first round of singles play.

Gabler defeated Eric Allen of Texas 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 (5) in the first round. He then lost to Alex Osterrieth of Arizona State 6-3, 4-2, withdrawing in the second set.

Selkirk defeated Casey Was of Arizona State 6-1, 6-2 to advance to the second round. In the second round, Selkirk lost to Sebastien Dechaunac of Ole Miss 7-5, 6-0.

Gabler and Selkirk also paired up in the doubles competition, beating Miles Rogers and Chris Biorkman of Arizona State 8-2 on Friday. In the quarterfinals Saturday, Minnesota's pair was defeated by Paul Martin and Nick Crowell of Texas 8-1.

LOOKING AHEAD: The Golden Gophers will travel to Lexington, Ky., for the Kentucky Invitational from Oct. 11-13. The fall portion of the schedule also includes tournaments at Florida State, Tulane and the Region IV Singles Championships. The Maroon and Gold will close out the fall schedule by hosting the annual Ice Volleys tournament at the Burnsville Racquet Club. The Golden Gophers will entertain USC, Notre Dame and Clemson in one of the top tennis tournaments in the nation.

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Thursday,
Oct. 17

• **Tennis** at All-American Tournament
Austin, Texas, TBA

Friday,
Oct. 18

• **Hockey** vs. Colorado College
Mariucci Arena
Midwest Sports Channel
7 p.m.

• **Tennis** Alumni Match
98th Street Club, 6:30 p.m.
at All-American Tournament
Austin, Texas, TBA

Saturday,
Oct. 19

• **Football** vs. Michigan State
Metrodome, 3 p.m.
Midwest Sports Channel
(Tape Delay) Following Golden
Gopher hockey, Approx. 11 p.m.

• **Hockey** vs. Colorado College
Mariucci Arena
Midwest Sports Channel, 8 p.m.

• **Tennis** at All-American Tournament
Austin, Texas, TBA

• **Swimming** Alumni Meet
Aquatic Center, 12 noon

• **Cross Country** at Iowa State Classic (8K)
Ames, Iowa, 10:30 a.m.

Sunday,
Oct. 20

• **Tennis** at All-American Tournament
Austin, Texas, TBA

• **Golf** at Duke Invitational
Duke Golf Club
Raleigh-Durham, N.C.
Oct. 20-21, All Day



GOLF

LINKSTERS AT DUKE INVITE: The Golden Gophers finish off the fall season Oct. 20-21 at the Duke Invitational. The 15-team meet includes North Carolina State, Georgia Tech, Maryland, Northwestern, Florida Southern, Virginia Commonwealth, Old Dominion, Virginia Tech, Wofford, Augusta State, UNC-Charlotte, UNC-Greensboro, Charleston, Minnesota and Duke. All action will be played at the Duke Golf Club in Durham, N.C.

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CROSS COUNTRY

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OCT. 19: The University of Minnesota men's cross country team travels to Ames, Iowa, for the Iowa State Classic on Saturday, October 19. The 12-team men's field includes runners from Illinois State, South Dakota, Missouri-Kansas City, Kansas, McKendree, Northern Iowa, Creighton, Drake, Life, Minnesota-Duluth, Minnesota and No. 22 Iowa State. The 8K race, which will be held at the Iowa State Cross Country Course, will start at 10:30 a.m.



TENNIS

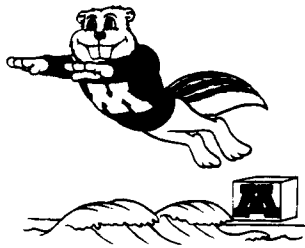
NETTERS TO CHALLENGE ALUMNI: The Golden Gophers will open the home portion of their 1996-97 schedule this weekend as they host past Maroon and Gold stars in the Alumni match. Friday evening's first serve will be at 6:30 p.m., at the 98th Street Club in Bloomington, Minn.

CHICOINE WINS KENTUCKY TOURNAMENT: Sophomore **TOM CHICOINE** (Neenah, Wis.) defeated David McNamara of Middle Tennessee State 6-1, 7-6 on Sunday afternoon to win the Singles A Draw of the H.H. Downing Falls Tennis Classic, hosted by the University of Kentucky at the Downing Outdoor Tennis Center in Lexington, Ky.

Chicoine won four matches on the weekend, going to three sets in just one of the wins. The second-year player from Neenah, Wis., was 25-19 last season as a freshman playing mainly at No. 4 singles. He is expected to compete at No. 2 or 3 singles for the Golden Gophers when the team portion of the schedule begins later this season.

Chicoine and doubles partner **JOHN CHEREGI** (Skokie, Ill.) advanced to the semifinals of the Doubles A draw before losing by the score of 8-4 to a doubles team from the University of Louisville. The duo of freshman **AARON DVO-RAK** (Bloomington, Minn.) and senior **TIM GEORGE** (Long Lake, Minn.) won two matches before losing in the semifinals of the Doubles B draw. Golden Gopher sophomore **MARTIN KRISTOFFERSEN** (Portgrunn, Norway) was victorious in his first match before being eliminated in the third round of the Singles B draw.

ICE VOLLEYS AHEAD: Following the Alumni match, the team will travel in two different directions for the weekend of Oct. 25-27. Part of the squad will compete in the Florida State Invitational in Tallahassee, Fla., while the remainder of the squad is scheduled to compete in the Tulane Invitational in New Orleans, La. After traveling to the Regional Singles Championships (Nov. 1-4), the Maroon and Gold will close out the fall schedule by hosting the annual Ice Volleys tournament at the Burnsville Racquet Club from Nov. 9-10. The Golden Gophers will entertain USC, Notre Dame, and Clemson in what has become one of the top tennis tournaments in the nation.



SWIMMING AND DIVING

1996 SWIMMING & DIVING SCHEDULE

DATE	MEET	RESULT/TIME
Oct. 19	Alumni Meet (Aquatic Center)	Noon
Oct. 26	Intra-squad (Aquatic Center)	Noon
Nov. 1	Tar Heel Invitational (Chapel Hill, N.C.)	6 p.m.
Nov. 2	North Carolina (Chapel Hill, N.C.)	TBA
Nov. 16	Nebraska (Aquatic Center)	6 p.m.
Nov. 22	Minnesota Invitational (Aquatic Center)	11 a.m.
Dec. 20	Miami & Clemson (Miami, Fla.)	TBA
Jan. 10	Kansas (Aquatic Center)	7 p.m.
Jan. 11	Gold Country Invitational (Aquatic Center)	11 a.m.
Jan. 18	Northwestern (Evanston, Ill.)	2 p.m.
Jan. 25	Iowa (Aquatic Center)	4 p.m.
Jan. 31	Quad Duals - Purdue & Wisconsin (AC)	6 p.m.
Feb. 14	Minnesota Challenge (Aquatic Center)	6 p.m.
Feb. 27	Big Ten Championships (Bloomington, Ind)	11 a.m.
Mar. 6	Go-Pher-It Invitational (Aquatic Center)	3 p.m.
Mar. 14	NCAA Diving - Zone Qualifying (AC)	TBA
Mar. 27	NCAA Championships (Aquatic Center)	Noon

TANKERS OPEN SEASON THIS WEEK: The University of Minnesota men's swimming and diving team will open the 1996-97 season Saturday at the Aquatic Center with the annual alumni meet at noon.

VETS TO LEAD TEAM: Last season, the Golden Gophers won their first Big Ten team title since 1926 and snapped Michigan's 10-year stranglehold on the top spot in the conference in the Wolverines' home pool.

Leading the charge for the Golden Gophers this season is a veteran crew which includes four underclassmen and one senior. Juniors **TY BATHURST** (Albuquerque, N.M./Eldorado) and **MANOLIS LENTARIS** (Hania, Crete, Greece/Reynolds, Ore.), sophomores **JONATHON McLEOD** (Regina, Sask./Sheldon Williams) and **MARTIN ZIELINSKI** (Bloomington, Minn./Jefferson) and senior **MATT SCHLESSMAN** (Avon, Ohio/St. Ignatius) lead a talented group looking to get back to the top of the Big Ten standings.

Bathurst is a five-time Big Ten finalist and was an honorable mention All-American last season as a member of two relays.

Lentaris returns after winning 14 of the 21 events he was entered in during the regular season. He placed in three individual events (200, 500 and 1650 free) and was a member of two Big Ten champion relay squads at the 1996 Big Ten

Championships. Lentaris suffered a non-swimming injury after the conference championships and was unable to compete at the NCAA's.

McLeod returns to Gold Country after spending a year north of the border training for the Olympics for his native Canada. He last swam for Minnesota during the '94-95 season and was a Big Ten finalist in the 200 fly, 200 and 400 IM as well as earning All-America honors as a member of the 800 free relay team.

Another returning member of the All-Big Ten squad is Martin Zielinski. He had a solid freshman season pushing veteran Bernie Zeruhn much of the year. He was a three-event Big Ten finalist and two-event honorable mention All-American last season.

The final member of the group is the veteran tri-captain Schlessman. His resume includes 12 Big Ten placings, six honorable mention All-America awards and one All-America certificate.

OTHER KEY PERFORMERS: The Maroon and Gold also return other key performers who have Big Ten and NCAA championship experience. This group includes **JEREMY RIENTS** (Jr., Apple Valley, Minn.), **ERIEK HULSEMAN** (Jr., Edina, Minn.), **JOHN CAHOY** (So., Hudson, Wis.), **MITCH HENKE** (Sr., Mandan, N.D.) and **ISAAC BJORKKLUND** (Sr., New Brighton, Minn./Irondale).

Rients placed in three individual events at the Big Ten championships and was a member of two honorable mention All-America relay squads. Hulseman placed in the 100 and 200 back at the Big Ten's and was also an honorable mention All-American. Cahoy and Henke were two-event Big Ten finalists while Bjorklund will be Minnesota's top returning diver placing in each event at the Big Ten's.

KEY NEWCOMERS: Some of the freshman looking to make an impact include **YOAV MEIRI** (Jerusalem, Israel), **OSCAR GODOI** (Sao Jose do Rio Preto, Brazil) and **BILL BISHOP** (Barrington, Ill).

Meiri was a member of the Israeli national team and is strong in three events (IM, fly, back). Godoi is the South American champion in the 100 breast and Dale hopes to use him in the 200 breast as well. Bishop was a junior national and Olympic Festival champion and Dale believes he will respond well to the pressure of swimming in the Big Ten.



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Oct. 25

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at Minnesota-Duluth
DECC

Midwest Sports Channel,
KSTP-AM 1500, 7 p.m.

• **Tennis**
(Split squad)

at Florida State Invitational
Scott Speicher Tennis Center
Tallahassee, Florida, TBA

at Tulane Invitational
Goldring Tennis Center
New Orleans, La., TBA

Saturday,
Oct. 26

• **Football**

vs. Michigan
Metrodome
ESPN2, 6 p.m.

• **Hockey**

at Minnesota-Duluth
DECC

Midwest Sports Channel,
KSTP-AM 1500, 7 p.m.

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Scott Speicher Tennis Center
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at Tulane Invitational
Goldring Tennis Center
New Orleans, La., TBA

• **Swimming**

vs. Intrasquad
Aquatic Center, 12 noon

• **Cross Country**

Marathon Sports 5K
Les Bolstad U of M Golf Course
11 a.m.

Sunday,
Oct. 27

• **Tennis**
(Split squad)

at Florida State Invitational
Scott Speicher Tennis Center
Tallahassee, Florida, TBA

at Tulane Invitational
Goldring Tennis Center
New Orleans, La., TBA



CROSS COUNTRY

HARRIERS HOST MARATHON SPORTS 5K

THIS SATURDAY: The Golden Gopher harriers host the Marathon Sports 5K at Les Bolstad U of M Golf Course on Saturday, Oct. 26, at 11:00 a.m. The race is primarily an open meet for post-collegiate athletes. The Gophers will use the meet as a tune-up for the Big Ten Cross Country Championships on November 2 in Bloomington, Indiana.

GOPHERS 3RD AT IOWA STATE MEMORIAL

CLASSIC: Senior **RICK OBLEMAN'S** (Regina, Saskatchewan) 13th-place finish led the Minnesota Golden Gophers men's cross country team to a third place finish at the Iowa State Memorial Classic on Saturday, October 19.

Individual champion Silah Misoi of Life College of Marietta, Ga., raced to a time of 24:37 over the five-mile course to lead Life to the team title as well. Iowa State finished second, followed by Minnesota in third.

Obleman's time of 26:15 was 13 seconds ahead of teammate and 16th-place finisher **JEREMY POLSON** (Duluth, Minn.). Sophomore **TODD LANDGRAFF** (St. Peter, Minn.) and senior **TONY RITER** (Shoreview, Minn.) finished 18th and 22nd, respectively. Sophomore **CHARLIE McCLURE** (Brookfield, Wis.) finished 28th to close out the Gopher scoring.

STOICK MAKES GOPHER DEBUT: Freshman transfer **MIKE STOICK** (St. Michael, Minn.) made his Minnesota debut with a 46th place finish at the Iowa State Classic. Stoick attended the University of South Dakota for one year, before transferring to the U of M.

BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS SET FOR

NOVEMBER 2: The 1996 Big Ten Cross Country Championships are set for November 2 in Bloomington, Indiana. The 8K race will be held at the Indiana University Golf Course. The Golden Gophers will be looking to improve upon last year's ninth place finish. Obleman's 25th place finish led all U of M runners at the 1995 Big Ten's.

IOWA STATE MEMORIAL CLASSIC

OCTOBER 19, 1996

IOWA STATE CC COURSE

AMES, IOWA

TEAM RESULTS: 1. LIFE COLLEGE, 49; 2. IOWA STATE, 54; 3. MINNESOTA, 97; 4. KANSAS, 107; 5. ILLINOIS STATE, 112; 6. NORTHERN IOWA, 151; 7. DRAKE, 152; 8.

MISSOURI-KANSAS-CITY, 298; 11. CREIGHTON, 321; 12. MCKENDREE COLLEGE, 338.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS: 1. Silah Misoi (Life), 24:37; 2. Sammy Nyamongo (Life), 25:30; 3. Ralf Damen (Life), 25:39; 4. Corey Ihmels (ISU), 25:45; 5. Chris Bailey (Ill. St.), 25:47; 6. Bryan Schultz (KAN), 25:47; 7. David Kosgei (Life), 25:51; 8. Simeon Wright (ISU), 25:54; 9. Jay Brock (NIU), 25:56; 10. Kevin Farrow (ISU), 26:03; 13. **Rick Obleman (MN), 26:15;** **Other Minnesota Finishers:** 16. **Jeremy Polson, 26:28;** 18. **Todd Landgraff, 26:35;** 22. **Tony Riter, 26:45;** 28. **Charles McClure, 26:59;** 32. **Ron Hoffner, 27:13;** **Alan Broderius, 27:23;** 40. **Chris Anderson, 27:31;** 44. **Mike Stoick, 27:38;** 51. **Eric Hartmark, 27:47;** 57. **Phil Smith, 27:59;** 64. **Chuck Smith, 28:44**



TENNIS

NETTERS TO COMPETE THIS WEEKEND:

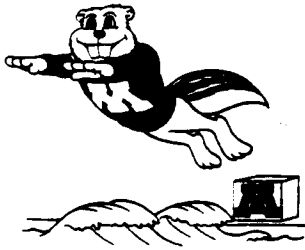
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GABLER RESULTS FROM ITA ALL-AMERICAN TOURNAMENT:

Senior captain **BEN GABLER** (Chambersburg, Pa.) was part of an elite field last weekend at the Reebok All-American Championships at the University of Texas Penick-Allison Tennis Center in Austin, Texas. Gabler was in a field of the top 32 singles players in the country, all competing for the title of the second leg of the 1996-97 Intercollegiate Tennis Association Collegiate Grand Slam. The returning all-Big Ten selection dropped both matches in the double-elimination event, losing to Tim Crichton of Arkansas in the first round 6-7, 7-6, 6-4 before being eliminated by Fredrik Niemeyer of Middle Tennessee State 6-3, 6-4 in the consolation bracket.

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SWIMMING AND DIVING

GOPHERS VS. GOPHERS: The University of Minnesota men's swim team will hold an intrasquad scrimmage on Saturday, Oct. 26, at noon. The dual will be run with a regular 16-event format and will determine the travel squad for the Tar Hill Invitational and North Carolina dual on Nov. 1 and 2.

LAST WEEK: The Maroon and Gold hosted the alumni meet and broke each class into teams. No team scores were kept, but some impressive early-season times were turned in. The junior 200 medley relay squad of **ERIEK HULSEMAN** (Edina, Minn.), **TY BATHURST** (Albuquerque, N.M./Eldorado), **MANOLIS LENTARIS** (Hania, Creete, Greece/Reynolds, Ore.) and **JEREMY RIENTS** (Apple Valley, Minn.), turned in a time of 1:34.06. Sophomore **MARTIN ZIELINSKI** (Bloomington, Minn.) touched the wall at 22.22 in the 50 fly and sophomore **JOHN CAHOY** (Hudson, Wis.) swam a 50.87 in the 100 fly. Rients clocked in at 47.12 in the 100 free.

PRESEASON POLL: The University of Minnesota men's swimming and diving team is ranked 13th in Speedo America's Top 25 preseason swimming poll. The Golden Gophers received 209 points while defending NCAA champion Texas is first with 360. Michigan (4), Indiana (19), Ohio State (22) and Iowa (23) were the only other Big Ten schools ranked.

Minnesota, the defending Big Ten champions, return 12 athletes who were Big Ten finalists and eight who have NCAA championship experience.

The complete preseason poll follows:

1. Texas, 360;
2. Auburn, 355;
3. Stanford, 348;
4. Michigan, 336;
5. Tennessee, 312;
6. Southern Cal, 272;
7. Southern Methodist, 269;
8. Arizona State, 250;
9. Florida, 226;
10. California, 221;
11. Georgia, 216;
12. Arizona, 211;
13. Minnesota, 209;
14. Miami, 197;
15. North Carolina, 161;
16. Louisiana State, 132;
17. Harvard, 123;
18. Florida State, 103;
19. Indiana, 76;
- 19t. Texas A&M, 76;
21. Nebraska, 72;
22. Ohio State, 71;
23. Iowa, 48;
24. Alabama, 39;
25. Kansas, 33.



WRESTLING

1996 WRESTLING KICKOFF CLINIC SET FOR OCTOBER 26TH: University of Minnesota wrestling coach J Robinson has announced that he and his staff will host it's 1996 Wrestling Kickoff Clinic on Saturday, Oct. 26 at the Bierman Field Athletic Building at 1 p.m.

Wrestlers, coaches, parents and fans of all ages will learn wrestling techniques and experience the intensity of a collegiate work-out. All persons attending the clinic will receive a free ticket to the Golden Gophers football game against Michigan following the clinic and a free ticket to the Gophers wrestling home opener on Dec. 6 against Northwestern.

The cost of the clinic is \$10 for persons who pre-register and \$12 at the door. For ticket and additional information, call Sue Rubens at the U of M at (612) 624-7342.

Schedule of Events - Saturday, October 26

Time	Event	Place
12:30 - 1:00 p.m.	Registration	BFAB
1:00 - 1:15 p.m.	Introduction	BFAB
1:15 - 2:30 p.m.	Wrestling Clinic	BFAB
2:30 - 3:00 p.m.	Autograph Session	BFAB
3:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Watch U of M Wrestling Practice	
6:00 p.m.	Minnesota vs. Michigan Football (HHH Metrodome)	



GOLF

GOPHER GOLF TEAM FINISHES FALL SEASON WITH SEVENTH-PLACE TIE AT DUKE

INVITE: The Golden Gopher golf team finished in a seventh-place tie with Augusta State College at the Duke Golf Classic in Durham, N.C., this past weekend. Virginia-Commonwealth won the tournament with a score of 880, which was eight strokes better than runner-up North Carolina State (888). Northwestern finished third at 889, Georgia Tech came in fourth at 893 and host-school Duke was fifth at 896.

The Gophers final round of 303 dropped them from sixth to a seventh-place tie at 906. The seventh-place tie marked the first time in four tries that the team has finished out of the top five.

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- **Cross Country** at Big Ten Championships Bloomington, Ind., 11 a.m.

Sunday,
Nov. 3

- **Tennis** at Regional Championships MSU Tennis Facility East Lansing, Mich., TBA

Monday,
Nov. 4

- **Tennis** at Regional Championships MSU Tennis Facility East Lansing, Mich., TBA
- * **Basketball** Media Day Williams Arena Club Room 12:30 p.m.

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Nov. 16	Dist. 4 Championships (Champaign, Ill.)	11 a.m.
Nov. 25	NCAA Championships (Tucson, Ariz.)	TBA

BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS NEXT FOR

GOPHER HARRIERS: The Golden Gopher harriers travel to Bloomington, Ind., this Saturday, Nov. 2, for the Big Ten Cross Country Championships. Race time is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. Minnesota finished ninth at last year's championships, which were held at Les Bolstad U of M Golf Course in St. Paul.

PLASENCIA TAKES MARATHON SPORTS 5K

TITLE: Former Golden Gopher All-American and current head cross country coach Steve Plasencia claimed the individual title at the Marathon Sports 5K on Les Bolstad U of M Golf Course this past Saturday.

Plasencia's winning time of 15:14 was eight seconds faster than senior Gopher captain **RICK OBLEMAN** (Regina, Saskatchewan) who finished second overall at 15:22. Freshman **JEREMY POLSON** (Duluth, Minn.) finished third at 15:29 and senior **TONY RITER** (Shoreview, Minn.) finished fourth at 15:34. Sophomore **TODD LANDGRAFF** (St. Peter, Minn.) finished fifth at 15:40 to close out the top five.

No team scores were kept in the open event that served as a tune-up for the Big Ten Cross Country Championships this Saturday. The Gopher harriers will look to improve upon last year's ninth-place finish. The men's race is scheduled to start at 11:00 a.m.

LAST YEAR AT THE BIG TEN CHAMPI-

ONSHIPS: Five members of this year's Golden Gopher squad ran at last year's Big Ten Championships. Obleman turned in a 25th-place finish to lead all U of M runners. He covered the 8K

Les Bolstad U of M Golf Course in 25:49.6. Landgraff finished 50th with a time of 26:58.7. Hoffner was 62nd with a time of 26:56 and Riter finished 77th at 33:08. Junior **AL BRODERIUS** (Duluth, Minn.) also competed for the Gophers and came in 81st at 27:48.8.

The meet will mark the first Big Ten Championship for freshmen **CHRIS ANDERSON** (Chicago City, Minn.), **ERIC HARTMARK** (Duluth, Minn.), **CHRIS ROGERS** (Moorhead, Minn.), **CHUCK SMITH** (Lakeville, Minn.), **PHIL SMITH** (Lakeville, Minn.), **MICHAEL STOICK** (St. Michael, Minn.) and Polson. Sophomores **NATE CLAY** (Eden Prairie, Minn.) and **CHARLES McCLURE** (Brookfield, Wis.) will also compete in their first Big Ten Cross Country Championship.

WISCONSIN SEEKS THIRD STRAIGHT

TITLE: The University of Wisconsin will seek its third straight Big Ten Cross Country Championship this Saturday. The Badgers return the top finisher from last year's meet in Pascal Dobert, who finished third with a time of 24:56.4. UW won the meet with 37 points. Michigan (56 pts.) and Michigan State (91 pts.), which finished second and third last year, will hope to unseed the No. 8 Badgers. The Wolverines are No. 10 and Spartans No. 10 according to the latest Martin Surfacing NCAA Division I Men's Cross Country Poll. No. 22 Illinois could also make a run at the title.

MARATHON SPORTS OPEN 5K

OCTOBER 26, 1996

LES BOLSTAD U OF M GOLF COURSE

ST. PAUL, MINN.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS: 1. Steve Plasencia, 15:14; 2. Rick Obleman (MN), 15:22; 3. Jeremy Polson (MN), 15:29; 4. Tony Riter (MN), 15:34; 5. Todd Landgraff (MN), 15:40; Other Minnesota Finishers: 6. Mike Stoick, 15:50; 7. Chris Anderson, 15:52; 8. Ron Hoffner, 15:54; 9. Charles McClure, 15:57; 10. Phil Smith, 15:57; 11. Alan Broderius, 16:00; 12. Nate Clay, 16:20; 13. Chris Rogers, 16:28; 14. Eric Hartmark, 16:32.



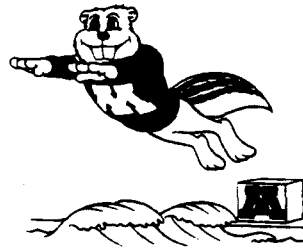
TENNIS

TENNIS TRAVELS TO REGIONALS THIS WEEKEND: The Golden Gophers will travel to East Lansing, Mich., for the next-to-last stop of the fall tennis season this weekend as they compete in the Region IV Championships. Play in singles and doubles begins on Friday, with champions scheduled to be crowned on Monday, Nov. 4.

CHICOINE LEADS WEEKEND PERFORMANCES: Sophomore **TOM CHICOINE** (Neenah, Wis.) was among a host of Golden Gophers competing last weekend in tournaments hosted by Florida State University and Tulane University. Chicoine took home third place in the Flight 1 Singles bracket of the Seminole Fall Classic, held at the Scott Speicher Tennis Center at FSU. He downed Ty Braswell of Florida State (7-6, 5-7, 7-5), Boris Sepesi of Miami (OH) 6-4, 6-4, and Ariel Rivero of Alabama (6-0, 6-0) on his way to a 3-1 overall record on the weekend.

Freshman **MARTIN MICHALOWSKI** (Bloomington, Minn) placed fifth in Flight 3 Singles at FSU, while number one singles player **BEN GABLER** (Sr., Chambersburg, Pa.) and sophomore **ADAM SELKIRK** (St. Joseph, Md.) competed in the Tulane Invitational in New Orleans, La.

ICE VOLLEYS NEXT: After traveling to the Regional Singles Championships, the Maroon and Gold will close out the fall schedule by hosting the annual Ice Volleys tournament at the Burnsville Racquet Club on Nov. 9-10. The Golden Gophers will entertain USC, Notre Dame and Clemson in what has become one of the top team tennis tournaments in the nation.



SWIMMING AND DIVING

TOBACCO ROAD BOUND: The University of Minnesota men's swim team will travel to Chapel Hill, N.C., for the 20th Annual Tar Heel Invitational on Friday, Nov. 1, then will battle 15th-ranked North Carolina in a dual meet on Saturday at 3 p.m.

The invitational will be a five-event meet with the 1650 and 50 free, 400 IM, 200 free relay and 200 medley relay being contested. North Carolina and Minnesota will be the only collegiate teams competing as the rest of the field will be comprised of club teams.

LAST YEAR: The Maroon and Gold defeated the Tar Heels 180-120 at the U of M Aquatic Center. Minnesota swimmers won 13 of the 16 events contested in the tri-dual involving Northwestern. **MANOLIS LENTARIS** (Jr., Hania, Crete, Greece/Reynolds, Ore.) was a double winner capturing the 200 and 500 free while **MARTIN ZIELINSKI** (So., Bloomington, Minn.) won the 100 fly.

LAST WEEK: The Golden Gophers staged a civil war as the Maroon battled the Gold with the Gold claiming a 153.5-139.5 victory. Zielinski was a triple-winner for the Gold, winning the 200 back, 100 and 200 fly. **ISAAC BJORKLUND** (Sr., New Brighton, Minn.) won the 1- and 3-meter diving events while other Gold winners included **ERIEK HULSEMAN** (Jr., Edina, Minn.) in the 100 back, **OSCAR GODOI** (Fr., Sao Jose do Rio Preto, Brazil) in the 100 breast, **JEREMY RIENTS** (Jr., Apple Valley, Minn.) in the 100 free and **BRIAN HOWARD** (Fr., Roeland Park, Kan.) in the 200 breast.

Double-event winners for the Maroon included Manolis Lentaris in the 500 and 100 free and **MATT SCHLESSMAN** (Sr., Avon, Ohio) in the 50 and 200 free.



GOLF

GOPHER GOLF TEAM FINISHES FALL SEASON WITH THREE TOP-FIVE FINISHES:

The Golden Gopher golf team finished the fall season with three top-five finishes in four tournaments. They carded a team stroke average of 295.2 and posted a low round of 282 (Missouri Bluffs Invite). The team will be off until Feb. 14, 1997, when they will compete in the NCAA Shootout in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

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Saturday,
Nov. 9

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Camp Randall Stadium
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DISTRICT FOUR CHAMPIONSHIPS NEXT FOR GOPHER HARRIERS: The Minnesota Golden Gopher harriers will travel to Champaign, Ill., on Saturday, November 16, for the District Four Championships. Seven Gophers will compete in the 8K race. Head Coach Steve Plasencia will name his top seven early next week.

GOPHERS 7TH AT BIG TEN'S: The Golden Gophers finished seventh at the Big Ten Championships last Saturday at Bloomington, Ind. Gopher captain **RICK OBLEMAN** (Regina, Saskatchewan) led the Gophers with a seventh-place finish, which was his best finish at the Big Ten Championships in his four-year career. He covered the 8K course in 25:13.8. Sophomore **TODD LANDGRAFF** (St. Peter, Minn.) surprised with a 34th-place finish. His time of 25:55.1 was also a personal best in the Big Ten Championships. Senior **TONY RITER** (Shoreview, Minn.) finished 47th at 26:24, which was two seconds ahead of teammate and 51st-place finisher **CHARLIE MCCLURE** (So., Brookfield, Wis.). Freshman **MICHAEL STOICK** (St. Michael, Minn.) closed-out the Minnesota scoring with a 62nd-place finish at 26:41.

Other Gopher runners competing were sophomore **RON HOFFNER** (Brooklyn Park, Minn.), who finished 63rd, freshman **JEREMY POLSON** (Duluth, Minn.) came in 67th, freshman **CHRIS ANDERSON** (Chisago Lakes, Minn.) finished 72nd and junior **ALLEN BRODERIUS** (Duluth, Minn.) came in 74th.

CONSISTENT GOPHER: Obleman has been a model of consistency for this year's Golden Gopher cross country team. He has been the top Gopher finisher in five of six meets thus far in 1996. Obleman's seventh-place finish at this year's Big Ten Championships was a career-best. He placed 18th as a freshman, 22nd as a sophomore and 25th as a junior. Obleman will aim for more improvement on Nov. 16 at the District Four Championships.

UP AND COMING: Stoick joined the Gophers during the month of September and has established himself as one of Minnesota's top-five runners. The redshirt freshman, who transferred from the University of South Dakota, placed 62nd in his first Big Ten Championship. Stoick will also run for the Gophers on Nov. 16 at the District Four Championships.

1996 BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

NOVEMBER 2, 1996

INDIANA UNIVERSITY CROSS COUNTRY COURSE
BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA

TEAM RESULTS

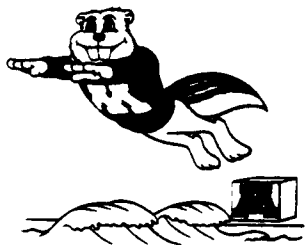
Place	School	Score	1	2	3	4	5	
1.	Wisconsin	55	=	3	8	13	14	17
2.	Michigan	63	=	1	2	9	24	27
3.	Michigan State	83	=	11	12	19	20	21
4.	Illinois	106	=	4	5	23	36	38
5.	Penn State	118	=	6	15	26	30	41
6.	Iowa	122	=	10	18	28	31	35
7.	Minnesota	194	=	7	34	45	49	59
8.	Indiana	201	=	16	40	43	47	55
9.	Purdue	228	=	37	42	46	51	52
10.	Ohio State	273	=	29	53	61	64	66

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MINNESOTA FINISHERS

Name	Place	Time
Rick Obleman	7th	25:13.8
Todd Landgraft	34th	25:55.1
Tony Riter	47th	26:24
Charlie McClure	51st	26:26.6
Mike Stoick	62nd	26:41
Ron Hoffner	63rd	26:44
Jeremy Polson	67th	26:47
Chris Anderson	72nd	27:01.6
Allen Broderius	74th	27:08.8



SWIMMING AND DIVING

1996 SWIMMING & DIVING SCHEDULE

DATE	MEET	RESULT/TIME
Oct. 19	Alumni Meet (Aquatic Center)	Non-Scored
Oct. 26	Intra-squad (Aquatic Center)	G-153.5, M-139.5
Nov. 1	Tar Heel Invitational (Chapel Hill, N.C.)	Non-Scored
Nov. 2	North Carolina (Chapel Hill, N.C.)	W 153-145
Nov. 16	Nebraska (Aquatic Center)	6 p.m.
Nov. 22	Minnesota Invitational (Aquatic Center)	11 a.m.
Dec. 20	Miami & Clemson (Miami, Fla.)	TBA
Jan. 10	Kansas (Aquatic Center)	7 p.m.
Jan. 11	Gold Country Invitational (Aquatic Center)	11 a.m.
Jan. 18	Northwestern (Evanston, Ill.)	2 p.m.
Jan. 25	Iowa (Aquatic Center)	4 p.m.
Jan. 31	Quad Duals - Purdue & Wisconsin (AC)	6 p.m.
Feb. 14	Minnesota Challenge (Aquatic Center)	6 p.m.
Feb. 27	Big Ten Championships (Bloomington, Ind)	11 a.m.
Mar. 6	Go-Pher-It Invitational (Aquatic Center)	3 p.m.
Mar. 14	NCAA Diving - Zone Qualifying (AC)	TBA
Mar. 27	NCAA Championships (Aquatic Center)	Noon

UP NEXT: The Minnesota men's swimming and diving team will have this weekend off to prepare for a dual with the Nebraska Cornhuskers which is set for Saturday, Nov. 16 at 6 p.m. at the Aquatic Center.

AGAINST THE TAR HEELS: The Golden Gophers traveled to Chapel Hill, N.C. and topped 15th-ranked North Carolina by a 153-145 count. **MANOLIS LENTARIS** (Jr., Hania, Creete, Greece) captured event titles in the 200, 500 and 1000 freestyle while **MARTIN ZIELINSKI** (So., Bloomington, Minn.) won the 100 back and 100 fly to lead the Golden Gopher men.

COMPLETE RESULTS:

Minnesota 153
North Carolina 145

200 Medley Relay: 1. Minn. B (Erick Hulseman, Oscar Godoi, Martin Zielinski, Ty Bathurst), 1:32.08; 2. UNC B, 1:32.46; 3. UNC A, 1:33.70; 4. Minn. A (Yoav Meiri, Mitch Henke, John Cahoy, Jeremy Rients), 1:34.38.

1000 Free: 1. M. Lentaris, Minn., 9:24.61; 2. B. Bishop, Minn., 9:24.85; 3. R. Thorpe, UNC, 9:25.97; 4. M. Chorba, UNC, 9:27.88.

200 Free: 1. M. Lentaris, Minn., 1:39.08; 2. E. Abele, UNC, 1:40.67; 3. E. Fehr, UNC, 1:41.17; 4. M. Branum, UNC, 1:41.79.

100 Back: 1. M. Zielinski, Minn., 49.92; 2. T. Runberg, UNC, 50.50; 3. T. Brisson, UNC, 51.06; 4. E. Hulseman, Minn., 52.37.

100 Breaststroke: 1. J. Weiss, UNC, 57.33; 2. S. Bonack, UNC, 57.56; 3. M. Henke, Minn., 57.63; 4. O. Godoi, Minn., 58.00.

200 Fly: 1. Y. Meiri, Minn., 1:50.66; 2. T. Schmelzer, UNC, 1:52.52; 3. D. Weeks, UNC, 1:52.57; 4. T. Shade, UNC, 1:53.56.

50 Free: 1. T. Bathurst, Minn., 21.02; 2. M. Schlessman, Minn., 21.12; 3. J. Rients, Minn., 21.18; 4. T. Brisson, UNC, 21.21; t4. C. Jennings, UNC, 21.21.

1-meter Diving: 1. I. Bjorklund, Minn., 272.62; 2. M. Ninneman, Minn., 260.17; 3. C. Zuburg, UNC, 227.39; 4. B. Cockman, UNC, 215.70.

100 Free: 1. M. Schlessman, Minn., 45.56; 2. E. Abele, UNC, 45.66; 3. M. Branum, UNC, 46.07; 4. J. Rients, Minn., 46.55.

200 Back: 1. T. Runberg, UNC, 1:50.74; 2. T. Schmelzer, UNC, 1:51.40; 3. J. McLeod, Minn., 1:53.22; 4. R. Thorpe, UNC, 1:53.88.

3-meter Diving: 1. M. Ninneman, Minn., 296.62; 2. I. Bjorklund, Minn., 283.87; 3. C. Zuburg, UNC, 258.82; 4. B. Cockman, UNC, 233.85.

400 IM: 1. T. Schmelzer, UNC, 4:01.39; 2. J. McLeod, Minn., 4:01.44; 3. J. Weiss, UNC, 4:03.06; 4. Y. Meiri, Minn., 4:05.25.

400 Free Relay: 1. UNC B, 3:01.74; 2. Minn. C (M. Lentaris, M. Schlessman, J. Rients, J. Cahoy), 3:02.99

200 Breaststroke: 1. J. Weiss, UNC, 2:03.96; 2. S. Bonack, UNC, 2:04.40; 3. S. Troy, UNC, 2:06.89; 4. J. Rodriguez, Minn., 2:08.28.

500 Free: 1. M. Lentaris, Minn., 4:32.85; 2. E. Fehr, UNC, 4:34.64; 3. M. Copeland, UNC, 4:35.27; 4. M. Chorba, UNC, 4:35.87.

100 Fly: 1. M. Zielinski, Minn., 49.14; 2. T. Shade, UNC, 49.66; 3. C. Jennings, UNC, 50.06; 4. J. Cahoy, Minn., 50.36.



TENNIS

TENNIS HOSTS ICE VOLLEYS THIS WEEK-

END: The Golden Gophers will close out the fall schedule by hosting the annual Ice Volleys tournament at the Burnsville Racquet Club on Nov. 9-10. The Golden Gophers will entertain USC, Notre Dame and Clemson in what has become one of the top team tennis tournaments in the nation.

ICE VOLLEYS SCHEDULE: The tournament will be played this season in a slightly different format than in previous years. Each squad's position singles and doubles teams will compete in their own "mini tournament" to determine singles champions in seven categories and doubles champions at each of the three doubles levels. The schedule for the weekend is listed below:

Number One Singles

USC vs. Notre Dame	Sat. 2 p.m.	Court #4
Minnesota vs. Clemson	Sat. 2 p.m.	Center Court
3rd place	Sun. 8 a.m.	Center Court
Championship	Sun. 10 a.m.	Center Court

Number Two Singles

USC vs. Clemson	Sat. 2 p.m.	Court #6
Minnesota vs. Notre Dame	Sat. 2 p.m.	Court #7
3rd place	Sun. 8 a.m.	Court #4
Championship	Sun. 10 a.m.	Court #4

Number Three Singles

Minnesota vs. USC	Sat. 2 p.m.	Center Court
Clemson vs. Notre Dame	Sat. 2 p.m.	Court #4
3rd place	Sun. 8 a.m.	Court #6
Championship	Sun. 10 a.m.	Court #6

Number Four Singles

Minnesota vs. Notre Dame	Sat. 2 p.m.	Court #7
Clemson vs. USC	Sat. 12:30 p.m.	Court #6
3rd place	Sun. 8 a.m.	Court #7
Championship	Sun. 10 a.m.	Court #7

Number Five Singles

Notre Dame vs. USC	Sat. 12:30 p.m.	Court #4
Clemson vs. Minnesota	Sat. 12:30 p.m.	Center Court
3rd place	Sun. 8 a.m.	Court #5
Championship	Sun. 10 a.m.	Court #5

Number Six Singles

Clemson vs. Notre Dame	Sat. 12:30 p.m.	Court #5
USC vs. Minnesota	Sat. 12:30 p.m.	Court #6
3rd place	Sun. 8 a.m.	Court #8
Championship	Sun. 10 a.m.	Court #8

Number Seven Singles

Minnesota vs. Notre Dame	Sat. 12:30 p.m.	Court #7
USC vs. Clemson	Sat. 12:30 p.m.	Court #8
3rd place	Sun. 8 a.m.	Court TBA
Championship	Sun. 10 a.m.	Court TBA

Number One Doubles

USC vs. Clemson	Sat. 11 a.m.	Court #4
Minnesota vs. Notre Dame	Sat. 11 a.m.	Center Court
3rd place	Sun. Noon	Court #5
Championship	Sun. Noon	Center Court

Number Two Doubles

USC vs. Notre Dame	Sat. 11 a.m.	Court #5
Clemson vs. Minnesota	Sat. 11 a.m.	Court #6
3rd place	Sun. Noon	Court #7
Championship	Sun. Noon	Court #4

Number Three Doubles

USC vs. Notre Dame	Sat. 11 a.m.	Court #7
Clemson vs. Minnesota	Sat. 11 a.m.	Court #8
3rd place	Sun. Noon	Court #8
Championship	Sun. Noon	Court #6

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Gopher Hotline

The Golden Gopher Hotline features daily interviews with players and coaches. It is available to the media 24 hours a day by calling (612) 625-7887. The hotline is broadcast quality and is changed by noon each day. This service is for media use only. The schedule for this week is as follows:

Monday, November 11:
Defensive Coordinator **Tim Rose**

Tuesday, November 12:
Coach **Jim Wacker's** media luncheon

Wednesday, November 13:
Quarterback **Cory Sauter**

Thursday, November 14:
Hockey Coach **Doug Woog**

Friday, November 15:
Cross Country Coach **Steve Plasencia**

Saturday-Sunday, November 16-17:
Head Football Coach **Jim Wacker's** Illinois postgame comments

This Week in Gopher Sports

Thursday,
Nov. 14

• **Basketball** vs. Converse All-Stars (Exhibition)
Williams Arena
Midwest Sports Channel, 7 p.m.

Saturday,
Nov. 16

• **Wrestling** at Bison Open
Bison Sports Arena
Fargo, N.D., All Day

• **Hockey** vs. Michigan Tech
Mariucci Arena
Midwest Sports Channel,
KSTP-AM 1500, 1 p.m.

• **Cross Country** at District Four Championships
University of Illinois Blue Course
Champaign, Illinois, 11 a.m.

• **Football** vs. Illinois
Metrodome
Midwest Sports Channel
WCCO-AM 830, 6 p.m.

• **Swimming** vs. Nebraska
U of M Aquatic Center, 6 p.m.

Sunday,
Nov. 17

• **Hockey** vs. Michigan Tech
Mariucci Arena
Midwest Sports Channel,
KSTP-AM 1500, 1 p.m.

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CROSS COUNTRY

1996 CROSS COUNTRY SCHEDULE

DATE	MEET	RESULT
Sept. 7	vs. Northern Iowa (Les Bolstad U of M Golf Course)	1st, 26 pts.
Sept. 14	UMD Invitational (Duluth, Minn.)	1st, 21 pts.
Sept. 28	Minnesota Invitational (Les Bolstad U of M Golf Course)	15th, 342 pts.
Oct. 19	Iowa State Classic (Ames, Iowa)	3rd, 97 pts.
Oct. 26	Marathon Sports Open (Les Bolstad U of M Golf Course)	No scores
Nov. 2	Big Ten Championships (Bloomington, Ind)	7th, 194 pts.
Nov. 16	Dist. 4 Championships (Champaign, Ill.)	11 a.m.
Nov. 25	NCAA Championships (Tucson, Ariz.)	TBA

DISTRICT FOUR CHAMPIONSHIPS NEXT FOR GOPHER HARRIERS:

The Minnesota Golden Gopher harriers will travel to Champaign, Ill., on Saturday, November 16, for the District Four Championships at the University of Illinois Blue Course. Head coach Steve Plasencia has announced that **RICK OBLEMAN** (Regina, Saskatchewan), **TODD LANDGRAFF** (St. Peter, Minn.), **JEREMY POLSON** (Duluth, Minn.), **TONY RITER** (Shoreview, Minn.), **CHARLIE McCLURE** (Brookfield, Wis.), **RON HOFFNER** (Brooklyn Park, Minn.) and **MIKE STOICK** (St. Michael, Minn.) will compete in the 8K race.

STRONG FIELD SET FOR DISTRICT FOUR:

A strong field will represent District Four this Saturday, Nov. 16, at Champaign, Ill. The four main conferences in District Four are the Mid-American, Midwest Collegiate, Conference USA and Big Ten. According to the latest District Four rankings, five Big Ten teams are ranked in the top 10. Wisconsin (1), Michigan (2), Michigan State (4), Illinois (5) and Iowa (7) will challenge for team berths, while Notre Dame (3), Ohio (6), Miami of Ohio (9) and Cincinnati (10) round out the top 10. Minnesota, which is not ranked, hopes it can finish in the second five.

Three teams advance to the NCAAs from the District and the top five runners not on those teams will advance if they finish in the top 20 overall.

OBLEMAN NAMED FIRST-TEAM ALL-BIG

TEN: Obleman was named first team All-Big Ten cross country last week. Obleman placed seventh, which helped the Gophers to a seventh-place team finish. Obleman's time of 25:13.8 was his best finish at the Big Ten Championships in his four-year career.

He placed 18th as a freshman, 22nd as a sophomore and 25th as a junior. Obleman's seventh-place finish was the best individual finish by a Gopher since 1986, when Paul Gisselquist placed fourth overall. Obleman is also the first Gopher to be named first team All-Big Ten since Gisselquist was named in 1986.

1996 BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

NOVEMBER 2, 1996

INDIANA UNIVERSITY CROSS COUNTRY COURSE
BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA

TEAM RESULTS

Place	School	Score	1	2	3	4	5
1.	Wisconsin	55	= 3	8	13	14	17
2.	Michigan	63	= 1	2	9	24	27
3.	Michigan State	83	= 11	12	19	20	21
4.	Illinois	106	= 4	5	23	36	38
5.	Penn State	118	= 6	15	26	30	41
6.	Iowa	122	= 10	18	28	31	35
7.	Minnesota	194	= 7	34	45	49	59
8.	Indiana	201	= 16	40	43	47	55
9.	Purdue	228	= 37	42	46	51	52
10.	Ohio State	273	= 29	53	61	64	66

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

1. John Mortimer (MICH), 24:49.1; 2. Kenneth MacDonald (MICH), 24:54.2; 3. Pascal Dobert (WIS), 25:09.9; 4. Barry Pearman (ILL), 25:10.6; 5. Jason Zieren (ILL), 25:11.2; 6. Che Arosemena (PSU); 7. **Rick Obleman (MINN), 25:13.8**; 8. Todd Agger (WIS), 25:15.6; 9. Todd Snyder (MICH), 25:17.5; 10. Stetson Steele (IOWA), 25:22.4; 11. Kyle Baker (MSU), 25:23.6; 12. Dean Rugh (MSU), 25:24; 13. Andy Bosley (WIS), 25:24.4; 14. Steve Fein (WIS), 25:28; 15. Johan Sandquist (PSU), 25:29.6; 16. Tom Chorny (IND), 25:30.1; 17. Scott Brinen (WIS), 25:30.9; 18. Chris Peters (IOWA), 25:32.8; 19. Joe Leo (MSU), 25:34.3; 20. Pat Hoard (MSU), 25:35.

MINNESOTA FINISHERS

Name	Place	Time
Rick Obleman	7th	25:13.8
Todd Landgraft	34th	25:55.1
Tony Riter	47th	26:24
Charlie McClure	51st	26:26.6
Mike Stoick	62nd	26:41
Ron Hoffner	63rd	26:44
Jeremy Polson	67th	26:47
Chris Anderson	72nd	27:01.6
Allen Broderius	74th	27:08.8



WRESTLING

1996-97 WRESTLING SCHEDULE

DATE	MEET	PLACER	ESULT/TIME
		All Unattached	
Nov. 16	Bison Open	Fargo, N.D.	All Day
Nov. 23	UNO Open	Omaha, Neb.	All Day
Nov. 29	Northern Open	Madison, Wis.	All Day
		Official Team Schedule	
Nov. 22	North Dakota St.	Fargo, N.D.	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 6	Northwestern	Williams	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 15	Clarion Duals	Clarion, Pa.	All Day
		- Rider	1:00 p.m.
		- Clarion	3:00 p.m.
		- Ohio U	5:00 p.m.
Dec. 17	S. Connecticut St.	New Haven, Conn.	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 4	Iowa State	Williams	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 7	Nebraska	Lincoln, Neb.	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 10	South Dakota St.	Williams	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 18-19	National Duals	Lincoln, Neb.	All Day
Jan. 24	Iowa	Iowa City, Iowa	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 31	Oklahoma State	Stillwater, Okla.	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 2	Wisconsin	Williams	2:30 p.m.
Feb. 9	Penn State	Pavilion	2:30 p.m.
Feb. 15	Michigan State	East Lansing, Mich.	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 16	Michigan	Ann Arbor, Mich.	1:00 p.m.
Feb. 23	Ohio State	Pavilion	2:30 p.m.
Mar. 8-9	Big Ten's	Home	All Day
Mar. 20-22	NCAA's	Cedar Falls, Iowa	All Day

Bold indicates in-state meets

GRAPPLERS OPEN UNATTACHED SEASON

AT BISON OPEN: The University of Minnesota wrestling team opens its 1996-97 unattached season at the 27th annual Bison Open in Fargo, N.D. The tournament, which is believed to be one of the largest in the Midwest, will be hosted by NCAA Division II wrestling power North Dakota State. Over 250 wrestlers from 20-plus teams will participate in the prestigious tourney. Representatives from the Big Ten, North Central, Northern Sun, Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic and North Dakota Collegiate conferences are expected to wrestle in the one-day event.

1996-97 WRESTLING PREVIEW: The excitement and enthusiasm will be high when the 1996-97 Golden Gophers take the mat. With the return of two All-Americans and three additional NCAA qualifiers, Coach J Robinson's outfit could make some serious noise when the Big Ten and NCAA Championships roll around in March.

Although the Gophers lost three-time All-American heavyweight Billy Pierce to graduation, they improve immedi-

ately from their sixth-place finish at the 1996 Big Tens with the return of juniors **BRANDON PAULSON** (Coon Rapids, Minn.) and **ZAC TAYLOR** (Sandpoint, Idaho). Both wrestlers qualified for the 1994-95 NAAs but sat out last year because of Olympic commitments. Paulson went on to capture a silver medal in the 114.5 lb. Greco-Roman division, and Taylor finished eighth at the U.S. Olympic Trials. Paulson and Taylor will be mainstays at 118 and 167.

"Paulson and Taylor bring a lot of excitement back to our team this year," said Robinson. "Brandon went from an NCAA qualifier to second in the world, and Taylor brings an intensity to our team that we missed last year."

Junior All-American **JASON DAVIDS** (Forest Lake, Minn.) is back at 142. He finished the season with a sparkling 34-6 record and a fifth-place finish at the NAAs. Davids, who will serve as tri-captain along with Paulson and Taylor, has a chance to become the first Golden Gopher national champion since Marty Morgan in 1991.

"Davids has really come on as a wrestler and team leader," said Robinson. "He will have a good shot at the NCAA title."

Other returning Gophers who saw action at 142 are redshirt freshman **DUSTIN BERGER** (Mandan, N.D.) and sophomore **TROY MARR** (Wyoming, Minn.). Berger went 8-7 wrestling unattached, while Marr will likely drop down a weight class and contend at 134 again this season.

Sophomore All-American **CHAD KRAFT** (Lakefield, Minn.) gives Minnesota a dominating edge at 150. Kraft placed fifth at the NAAs and posted a 29-11 mark a season ago. He is on pace to become the Golden Gophers' first four-time All-American. Sophomore **JESSE KREBS** (Minot, N.D.) will also wrestle at 150. Sophomore **TIM HARTUNG** (Durand, Wis.), who qualified for the NAAs last season at 177, will move up to 190. The move will pave the way for redshirt freshman **BRANDON EGGUM** (Sidney, Mont.), a former high school All-American, who went 14-4 wrestling unattached at 177 last season.

"Hartung really worked hard this off-season," said Robinson. "He will not have a problem moving up to 190. Eggum is a redshirt freshman and Junior National champion. He has the attitude for being great."

Junior **JEREMY GOEDEN** (Grand Rapids, Minn.) and sophomore Josh Dodd will push Hartung at 190. The competition to make the team will be fierce at the lighter weights with the exception of Paulson at 118. Four wrestlers will compete for the 126 slot. Sophomore **PAT CONNERS** (Longview, Wash.) posted a respectable 15-18 record last year and is the early favorite. He will be pushed by redshirt freshman **TY FRIEDERICHS** (Maple Grove, Minn.) and sophomore **BART GOYLER** (Cedar, Minn.). Coach Robinson calls the position "up for grabs" and hopes someone can emerge right away.

Senior **NICK ANTILA** (Robbinsdale, Minn.) came on strong at the end of last season and gets the early nod at 134. He posted a 19-14 record that included three pins. Sophomore **MAURICIO MORA** (Santa Ana, Calif.), along with Marr and Friederichs, will have a major shot at unsettling Antila. Marr will move to 134 after posting a 17-6 record at 142 and wrestling at 134 at last year's Big Tens. Mora also impressed with a 17-9 record in limited action last season.

Sophomore **JOSH HOLIDAY** (Anaheim, Calif.) is back at 158 and ready to improve upon last year's 22-16 record.

Redshirt freshmen **TIM KINSELLA** (Litchfield, Minn.) and **DELANEY BERGER** (Mandan, N.D.) are much improved. They will challenge Holiday for the top spot.

Junior college transfer **SHELTON BENJAMIN** (Susanville, Calif.) takes over the vacated spot at heavyweight left by Pierce. Benjamin is a two-time NJCAA National champion and a tremendously gifted athlete. He will learn the rigors of Big Ten wrestling immediately. Redshirt freshman **BRENT BOESHANS** (Beulah, N.D.) will also see action at heavyweight after going 8-7 unattached last year.

With all of the pieces in place, Coach Robinson will have the luxury of redshirting his entire 1996 recruiting class, which ranked 14th in the nation. Waiting in the wings for 1997-98 will be newcomers **BRAD PIKE** (Brownsdale, Minn.), **BRETT LAWRENCE** (Sandpoint, Idaho), **JOSH KREBS** (Minot, N.D.), **CHRIS HUNTER** (Oshkosh, Wis.) and **KENNY HOWARD** (Mandan, N.D.).

"We have three goals for this year's team. First, we're going to be aggressive and dominating. Second, we want to develop our own style at the University of Minnesota. We want people to recognize the style of wrestling we use here in Gold Country. Third, we want to have fun."

The Golden Gophers will entertain one of the toughest schedules in the country this season. Nationally-ranked Iowa State and Oklahoma are on tap in addition to the tough Big Ten schedule. Gold Country will also be the site of the 1997 Big Ten Championships.

1996-97 ROSTER:

Name	Yr.	Wt.	Hometown (High School)
Nick Antila**	Sr.	134	Robbinsdale, Minn. (Cooper)
Shelton Benjamin	Jr.	HWT	Susanville, Calif. (Lassen CC)
Delaney Berger	Fr.	158	Mandan, N.D.
Dustin Berger	Fr.	142	Mandan, N.D.
Brent Boeshans	Fr.	HWT	Beulah, N.D.
Pat Connors*	So.	126	Longview, Wash. (R.A. Long)
Jason Davids**	Jr.	142	Forest Lake, Minn.
Josh Dodd*	So.	190	Northwood, Iowa (N' wood-Kensett)
Brandon Eggum	Fr.	178	Sidney, Mont.
Ty Friederichs	Fr.	126	Maple Grove, Minn. (Osseo)
Jeremy Goeden**	Jr.	190	Grand Rapids, Minn.
Barrett Golyer*	So.	118	Cedar, Minn. (St. Francis)
Tim Hartung*	So.	190	Durand, Wis.
Josh Holiday*	So.	158	Anaheim, Calif. (Calvery Chapel)
Kenneth Howard	Fr.	177	Mandan, N.D.
Chris Hunter	Fr.	167	Oshkosh, Wis. (North)
Tim Kinsella	Fr.	158	Litchfield, Minn.
Chad Kraft*	So.	150	Lakefield, Minn. (Heron Lake-Okabena-Lakefield)
Jesse Krebs*	So.	158	Minot, N.D.
Joshua Krebs	Fr.	142	Minot, N.D.
Brett Lawrence	Fr.	118	Sandpoint, Idaho
Troy Marr*	So.	134	Wyoming, Minn.
Mauricio Mora*	So.	134	Santa Ana, Calif. (Calvery Chapel)
Eddie Pak	Fr.	150	Grayslake, Ill.
Brandon Paulson**	Jr.	118	Coon Rapids, Minn. (Anoka)
Brad Pike	Fr.	142	Brownsdale, Minn. (Hayfield)
Zac Taylor**	Jr.	167	Sandpoint, Idaho

*letters earned

Head Coach: J Robinson (11th Year)

Assistant Coaches: Marty Morgan, Mark Schwab, Joe Russell

Strength and Conditioning Coach: Troy Steiner

Marketing and Promotions: Willy Short

Administrative Assistant: Andrew Johnson, Autumn Taylor

BISON OPEN LINE-UP BY WEIGHT CLASS:

- 118 - Brandon Paulson, Brett Lawrence,
- 126 - Pat Connors, Ty Friederichs, Barrett Golyer
- 134 - Mauricio Mora, Nick Antila
- 142 - Jason Davids, Dustin Berger, Brad Pike, Troy Marr
Josh Krebs
- 150 - Chad Kraft, Eddie Pak
- 158 - Tim Kinsella, Josh Holiday, Delaney Berger, Je. Krebs
- 167 - Zac Taylor
- 177 - Brandon Eggum, Kenneth Howard
- 190 - Tim Hartung, Jeremy Goeden, Josh Dodd
- HWT - Shelton Benjamin, Brent Boeshans

HUNTER OUT: Freshman **CHRIS HUNTER** (Oshkosh, Wis.) will not wrestle at the Bison Open. The 167-pound Hunter has been out of action with a back injury.

GOPHERS RANKED 7TH IN AMATEUR WRESTLING NEWS PRE-SEASON POLL:

The Golden Gophers are ranked tenth in the *Amateur Wrestling News* preseason poll. The Gophers return All-Americans Chad Kraft and Jason Davids and will be aided by the return of Zac Taylor and Brandon Paulson. Taylor and Paulson sat out last season because of Olympic commitments. Paulson claimed the silver medal in the 114.5-pound division in Greco-Roman at the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta.

Rank	Team	Wrestlers in Top 8
1.	Iowa	8
2.	Oklahoma State	4
3.	Michigan State	4
4.	Iowa State	3
5.	Penn State	3
6.	Illinois	8
7.	Minnesota	3
8.	Lock Haven	3
9.	Nebraska	3
10.	Michigan	4
11.	Oklahoma	2
12.	Edinboro	4
13.	Clarion	2
14.	Bakersfield	2
15.	Indiana	2
16.	West Virginia	3
17.	Pittsburgh	2
18.	North Carolina	1
19.	Oregon State	2
20.	Wisconsin	1

DAVIDS LEADS WAY WITH NO. 2 RANKING:

Davids, Kraft and Paulson have earned pre-season rankings. Davids' No. 2 ranking leads the way. The junior from Forest Lake, Minn., finished fifth overall last season in the NCAA Championships with a 34-6 record. Kraft, who finished fifth at the NCAAs at 150 with a 29-11 mark, is ranked fourth. Paulson, who qualified for the NCAA's in 1995, is ranked seventh at 118. The Coon Rapids, Minn., native posted a 31-9 record in 1994-95. He sat out last season and won a silver medal at the Olympics in Greco-Roman at 114.5.



TENNIS

AT THE ICE VOLLEYS: The Minnesota Golden Gophers captured four singles championships and one runner-up title at the 1996 Ice Volleys Tennis Showcase, held at the Burnsville Racquet Club. The Golden Gophers hosted Clemson, Notre Dame and USC in the annual showcase.

Senior **BEN GABLER** (Chambersburg, Pa.) won the championship at number one singles, sophomore **TIM CHICOINE** (Neenah, Wis.) captured first at number two singles, sophomore **JOHN CHEREGI** (Skokie, Ill.) won at number five singles and freshman **MARTIN MICHALOWSKI** (Ottawa, Ontario, Canada) captured the number six singles title.

Sophomore **ADAM SELKIRK** (St. Joseph, Mo.) took second place at number three singles. Sophomore **MARTIN KRISTOFFERSEN** (Portsgrunn, Norway) and freshman **AARON DVORAK** (Bloomington, Minn.) both won their consolation matches to capture third-place titles at number four and seven singles, respectively.

The tandems of Chicoine and Cheregi at number two doubles and Michalowski and Kristoffersen at number three doubles won their consolation matches to take third place.

UP NEXT: The Golden Gopher men's tennis team ended its fall season at the Ice Volleys. The team will resume competition in January, hosting Arizona State on Jan. 17 at the 98th St. Racquet Club.

Complete Ice Volleys Results:

Number One Singles

Consolation — Ryan Sachire (ND) def. Bruce Li (CLEM) 6-4, 6-4

Championship — Ben Gabler (MN) def. Kyle Spencer (USC) 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 (3)

Number Two Singles

Consolation — Marco Magnano (ND) def. Ken Wasserman (CLEM) 6-2, 4-6, 6-4

Championship — Tom Chicoine (MN) def. Johannes Mueller (USC) 6-3, 7-5

Number Three Singles

Consolation — Fernando Samayoa (USC) def. Rich Reyes (CLEM) 6-3, 6-3

Championship — Ryan Simme (ND) def. Adam Selkirk (MN) 7-5, 6-2

Number Four Singles

Consolation — Martin Kristoffersen (MN) def. Andrew Hughes (USC) 3-6, 6-2, 6-2

Championship — Brian Patterson (ND) def. Ryan Bauer (CLEM) 6-2, 7-5

Number Five Singles

Consolation — Luis Garcia (CLEM) def. Ryan Hollis (USC) 6-4, 6-2

Championship — John Cheregi (MN) def. Dan Rothschild (ND) 6-3, 6-2

Number Six Singles

Consolation — Andy Warford (ND) def. Rob Waldman (USC) 6-0, 6-3

Championship — Martin Michalowski (MN) def. Pablo Bellagamba (CLEM) 6-4, 7-6 (6)

Number Seven Singles

Consolation — Aaron Dvorak (MN) def. Sandon Barth (CLEM) 6-4, 6-3

Championship — Matt Horsley (ND) def. Marco Magnano (ND) 6-4, 6-4

Number One Doubles

Consolation — Spencer/Mueller (USC) def. Gabler/Selkirk (MN) 9-7

Championship — Li/Reyes (CLEM) def. Pietrowski/Patterson (ND) 8-6

Number Two Doubles

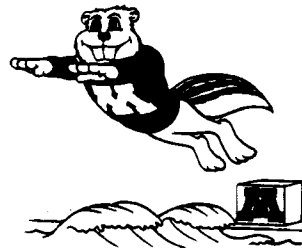
Consolation — Chicoine/Cheregi (MN) def. Samayoa/Waldman (USC) 8-5

Championship — Simme/Rothschild (ND) def. Garcia/Wasserman (CLEM) 8-5

Number Three Doubles

Consolation — Michalowski/Kristoffersen (MN) def. Sachire/Horsley (ND) 8-6

Championship — Bellagamba/Bauer (CLEM) def. Hollis/Hughes (USC) 8-6



SWIMMING AND DIVING

UP NEXT: The Minnesota men's swimming and diving team will host the Nebraska Cornhuskers on Saturday, Nov. 16, at 6 p.m. at the Aquatic Center.

Nebraska is 2-0 and is ranked 21st in the nation in the latest coaches poll. Last season, Minnesota traveled to Lincoln and defeated the Cornhuskers 145-98.

LAST TIME OUT: The Golden Gophers traveled to Chapel Hill, N.C., on Nov. 2 and topped 15th-ranked North Carolina by a 153-145 count. **MANOLIS LENTARIS** (Jr., Hania, Creete, Greece) captured event titles in the 200, 500 and 1000 freestyle while **MARTIN ZIELINSKI** (So., Bloomington, Minn.) won the 100 back and 100 fly to lead the Golden Gopher men.

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Monday, November 18:
Defensive Coordinator **Tim Rose**

Tuesday, November 19:
Coach **Jim Wacker's** media luncheon

Wednesday, November 20:
Offensive Coordinator **Bob DeBesse**

Thursday, November 21:
Quarterback **Cory Sauter**

Friday, November 22:
Cornerback **Rodney Heath**

Saturday-Sunday, November 23-24:
Head Football Coach **Jim Wacker's** Iowa postgame comments

This Week in Gopher Sports

Friday,
Nov. 22

- **Wrestling** at North Dakota State Bison Sports Arena, 7:30 p.m.
- **Hockey** at Northern Michigan Lakeview Arena Marquette, Michigan Midwest Sports Channel, KSTP-AM 1500, 6 p.m. Minnesota Invitational U of M Aquatic Center, 11 a.m.
- **Swimming**

Saturday,
Nov. 23

- **Wrestling** at Nebraska-Omaha Open Omaha, Nebraska, All Day
- **Swimming** Minnesota Invitational U of M Aquatic Center, 11 a.m.
- **Basketball** vs. Stephen F. Austin Williams Arena Midwest Sports Channel WCCO-AM 830, Noon
- **Hockey** at Northern Michigan Lakeview Arena Marquette, Michigan Midwest Sports Channel, KSTP-AM 1500, 6 p.m.
- **Football** vs. Iowa Metrodome ESPN2 WCCO-AM 830, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday,
Nov. 24

- **Swimming** Minnesota Invitational U of M Aquatic Center, 2 p.m.

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CROSS COUNTRY

1996 CROSS COUNTRY SCHEDULE

DATE	MEET	RESULT
Sept. 7	vs. Northern Iowa (Les Bolstad U of M Golf Course)	1st, 26 pts.
Sept. 14	UMD Invitational (Duluth, Minn.)	1st, 21 pts.
Sept. 28	Minnesota Invitational (Les Bolstad U of M Golf Course)	15th, 342 pts.
Oct. 19	Iowa State Classic (Ames, Iowa)	3rd, 97 pts.
Oct. 26	Marathon Sports Open (Les Bolstad U of M Golf Course)	No scores
Nov. 2	Big Ten Championships (Bloomington, Ind)	7th, 194 pts.
Nov. 16	Dist. 4 Championships (Champaign, Ill.)	9th, 241 pts.
Nov. 25	NCAA Championships (Tucson, Ariz.)	TBA

GOPHER END SEASON WITH NINTH-PLACE FINISH AT DISTRICT IV CHAMPIONSHIPS:

The Minnesota Golden Gopher harriers ended their season with a ninth-place finish at the District IV Championships in Champaign, Ill., on Saturday, November 16. **TONY RITER** (Sr, Shoreview, Minn.) led the Gophers with a 37th-place finish. He covered the 10K course in 31:58. Senior **RICK OBLEMAN** (Regina, Saskatchewan) placed 40th with a time of 32:01 and sophomore **TODD LANDGRAFF** (St. Peter, Minn.) finished 43rd at 32:03. Sophomore **CHARLIE McCLURE** (Brookfield, Wis.) came in 60th and freshman **JEREMY POLSON** (Duluth, Minn.) finished 61st at 32:17. Also competing for the Gophers, but not counting in the team scoring were freshman **MIKE STOICK** (St. Michael, Minn.) and sophomore **RON HOFFNER** (Brooklyn Park, Minn.). Stoick finished 83rd and Hoffner came in 118th.

NOTRE DAME SURPRISES AT DISTRICT IV:

Notre Dame used four top-10 finishes to claim the team title with 60 points. Wisconsin placed second with 63 and Michigan was third at 83. All three teams advance to the NCAA Cross Country Championships in Tucson, Arizona, on Monday, Nov. 25.

Michigan's John Mortimer claimed the individual title with a time of 30:35. Jason Rexing of Notre Dame was second at 30:38 and Barry Pearman of Illinois was third at 30:39. Pascal Dohert of Wisconsin was fourth at 30:43 and Josh Ritchie of Ohio University was fifth at 30:45.

Individual runners advancing to the NCAA Championships from Region IV were Pearman of Illinois, Ritchie of Ohio University, Jason Zieren of Illinois, Morris Giddens of Eastern Michigan and Bryan Hawkins of Miami (Ohio) University.

DISTRICT FOUR CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP NOVEMBER 16, 1996

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CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS

TEAM RESULTS

Place	School	Score	1	2	3	4	5	
1.	Notre Dame	60	=	2	8	9	10	31
2.	Wisconsin	63	=	4	12	14	15	18
3.	Michigan	83	=	1	6	21	23	32
4.	Central Michigan	169	=	16	19	41	46	47
5.	Michigan State	172	=	25	28	30	44	45
6.	Illinois	188	=	3	7	49	53	76
7.	Iowa	211	=	22	26	42	48	73
8.	Ohio University	238	=	5	27	52	72	82
9.	Minnesota	241	=	37	40	43	60	61
10.	Miami of Ohio	267	=	13	55	59	66	74
11.	Indiana	293	=	17	34	62	85	95
12.	Eastern Michigan	296	=	11	33	50	86	116
13.	Western Michigan	405	=	38	51	88	105	123
14.	Cincinnati	420	=	29	89	93	100	109
15.	Purdue	434	=	36	65	91	102	140
16.	Eastern Illinois	447	=	24	70	101	120	132
17.	Marquette	474	=	57	71	78	106	162
18.	Loyola	520	=	67	77	117	126	133
19.	Bowling Green	532	=	64	97	99	135	137
20.	Youngstown St.	535	=	39	104	112	134	146
21.	Kent State	569	=	75	107	114	118	155
22.	DePaul	576	=	35	69	141	158	173
23.	Butler	613	=	80	103	128	150	152
24.	Dayton	634	=	58	94	153	163	166
25.	Wis.-Milwaukee	681	=	111	130	131	149	160
26.	Wright State	682	=	84	90	138	176	194
27.	Western Illinois	768	=	125	143	157	169	174
28.	Xavier	836	=	122	164	180	184	186
29.	Detroit-Mercy	851	=	124	156	170	199	202
30.	Valparaiso	873	=	136	165	179	193	200
31.	Northeastern	924	=	87	172	211	226	228
32.	Ball State	936	=	168	177	187	196	208
33.	Evansville	1055	=	197	204	209	221	224
34.	Wis.-Green Bay	1078	=	205	213	215	222	223

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS: 1. John Mortimer (MICH), 30:35; 2. Jason Rexing (ND), 30:38; 3. Barry Pearman (ILL), 30:39; 4. Pascal Dohert (WIS), 30:43; 5. Josh Ritchie (OHIO), 30:45; 6. Kenneth MacDonald (MICH), 30:50; 7. Jason Zieren (ILL), 30:52; 8. Matthew Althoff (ND), 30:54; 9. Derek Seiling (ND), 30:57; 10. Joe Dunlop (ND), 31:00; 11. Morris Giddens (EMU), 31:09; 12. Anthony Escarcega (UW), 31:13; 13. Bryan Hawkins (Miami), 31:15; 14. Andrew Bosley (UW), 31:17; 15. Steven Fein (UW), 31:19; 16. Bill Schutt (CMU), 31:20; 17. Thomas Chorny (IU), 31:21; 18. Scott Brinen (UW), 31:23; 19. Richard Brinker (CMU), 31:24; 20. John Schoenfelder (UW), 31:27.

MINNESOTA FINISHERS: 37. Tony Riter, 31:58; 40. Rick Obleman, 32:01; 43. Todd Landgraft, 32:03; 60. Charlie McClure, 32:17; 63. Jeremy Polson, 32:17; 83. Michael Stoick, 32:33; 118. Ron Hoffner, 32:03.



WRESTLING

1996-97 WRESTLING SCHEDULE

DATE	MEET	PLACER	ESULT/TIME
All Unattached			
Nov. 16	Bison Open	Fargo, N.D.	All Day
Nov. 23	UNO Open	Omaha, Neb.	All Day
Nov. 29	Northern Open	Madison, Wis.	All Day
Official Team Schedule			
Nov. 22	North Dakota St.	Fargo, N.D.	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 6	Northwestern	Williams	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 15	Clarion Duals	Clarion, Pa.	All Day
		- Rider	1:00 p.m.
		- Clarion	3:00 p.m.
		- Ohio U	5:00 p.m.
Dec. 17	S. Connecticut St.	New Haven, Conn.	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 4	Iowa State	Williams	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 7	Nebraska	Lincoln, Neb.	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 10	South Dakota St.	Williams	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 18-19	National Duals	Lincoln, Neb.	All Day
Jan. 24	Iowa	Iowa City, Iowa	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 31	Oklahoma State	Stillwater, Okla.	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 2	Wisconsin	Williams	2:30 p.m.
Feb. 9	Penn State	Pavilion	2:30 p.m.
Feb. 15	Michigan State	East Lansing, Mich.	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 16	Michigan	Ann Arbor, Mich.	1:00 p.m.
Feb. 23	Ohio State	Pavilion	2:30 p.m.
Mar. 8-9	Big Ten's	Home	All Day
Mar. 20-22	NCAA's	Cedar Falls, Iowa	All Day

WRESTLERS OPEN OFFICIAL SEASON AT

NORTH DAKOTA STATE: The University of Minnesota will open the 1996-97 dual meet season with a match against North Dakota State this Friday, Nov. 22, at 7:30 p.m.

THE RECORDS: Friday's dual meet marks the first meet for both schools in 1996-97. NDSU finished the 1995-96 season with 13th in NCAA Division II. They also boasted an 8-3 overall dual meet record and 4-3 mark in the North Central Conference. Minnesota posted a 10-8-1 overall dual meet record and 2-5 mark in the Big Ten last season. The Gophers placed sixth at the Big Ten Championship and 19th at the NCAA Division I meet.

THE SERIES: Minnesota owns a 7-2 advantage over the Bison in dual meets. The Gophers defeated NDSU 22-18 in 1986 at Minnesota.

THE COACHES: NDSU'S Bucky Maughn (Moorhead State, '64) begins his 33rd year at the helm. Maughn has posted a 320-98-9 career record in Fargo.

Minnesota's J Robinson (Oklahoma State, '69) begins his 11th year at Minnesota. He has guided the Golden Gophers to a 130-70-3 record and two runner-up Big Ten finishes. Robinson has coached 10 Big Ten champs and 23 NCAA All-Americans.

GOPHERS AT UNO TOURNEY: The Gophers also continue their unattached season this weekend with a tournament at Nebraska-Omaha this Saturday, Nov. 23. Coach Robinson will send 16 wrestlers to the open event.

GOPHER STARTING LINEUP VS. NDSU:

Weight	Wrestler	Record (Overall, Dual)
118	Brandon Paulson	4-0, 0-0
126	Barrett Golyer	3-1, 0-0
134	Nick Antila	4-1, 0-0
142	Jason Davids	4-0, 0-0
150	Chad Kraft	0-0, 0-0
158	Jesse Krebs	1-2, 0-0
167	Delaney Berger	4-0, 0-0
177	Brandon Eggum	4-0, 0-0
190	Tim Hartung	3-0, 0-0
HWT	Brent Boeshans	3-1, 0-0

UNO OPEN LINEUP BY WEIGHT CLASS:

Weight	Wrestler	Record (Overall, Dual)
118	Brett Lawrence	4-1, 0-0
126	Ty Friederichs	3-1, 0-0
	Pat Connors	0-0, 0-0
134	Mauricio Mora	2-3, 0-0
142	Dustin Berger	4-2, 0-0
	Brad Pike	5-1, 0-0
	Troy Marr	4-1, 0-0
	Josh Krebs	4-1, 0-0
150	Eddie Pak	0-2, 0-0
158	Tim Kinsella	2-2, 0-0
	Josh Holiday	2-2, 0-0
167	Zac Taylor	4-0, 0-0
177	Kenny Howard	1-2, 0-0
190	Josh Dodd	2-1, 0-0
HWT	Shelton Benjamin	3-1, 0-0
	Jeremy Goeden	4-1, 0-0

HUNTER OUT: Freshman CHRIS HUNTER (Oshkosh, Wis.) will not wrestle at the UNO Open. The 167-pound Hunter has been out of action with a back injury.

GRAPPLERS GRAB SIX TITLES AT BISON OPEN:

The University of Minnesota wrestling team opened the 1996 unattached season in fine fashion by grabbing six individual titles and four second-place finishes at the Bison Open this past Saturday, Nov. 16.

Junior **BRANDON PAULSON** (Coon Rapids, Minn.) decisioned Brian Kapusta (UNA) 11-4 to claim the title at 118. Paulson advanced to the finals by recording three pins. Paulson placed fourth at the Bison Open in 1993 and third in 1994.

Junior **JASON DAVIDS** (Forest Lake, Minn.) claimed his third straight Bison Open title by pinning sophomore teammate **TROY MARR** (Wyoming, Minn.) in 35 seconds at 142. Davids recorded two pins in route to the title.

Freshman **DELANEY BERGER** (Mandan, N.D.) earned his first Bison Open title by decisioning Mike Seeger of the University of Mary, 3-2 at 158. Berger, who redshirted in 1995, recorded one pin in the tournament.

Junior **ZAC TAYLOR** (Sandpoint, Idaho) recorded his second Bison Open title at 167 with a 16-4 decision over NDSU's Brett Svendsen. Taylor muscled his way by recording two pins in route to the victory.

Freshman **BRANDON EGGUM** (Sidney, Mont.) won his first Bison Open title with a 17-7 decision over Wayne Harrison of Mary University. Eggum, also a 1995 redshirt, recorded one pin in the tournament.

Sophomore **TIM HARTUNG** (Durand, Wis.) claimed his first Bison Open title by decisioning teammate **JOSH DODD** (So., Northwood, Iowa) 17-2. Hartung, who placed second a year ago at the BSO, pinned two opponents in the tourney.

Placing second for the Gophers were heavyweight **SHELTON BENJAMIN** (Jr., Susanville, Calif.), **BARRETT GOYLER** (So., Cedar, Minn.) at 126, Marr at 142 and Dodd at 190.

Third-place finishers for the Gophers were freshman **TIM KINSELLA** (Litchfield, Minn.) at 158, freshman **JOSH KREBS** (Minot, N.D.) at 142, freshman **TY FRIEDERICHS** (Maple Grove, Minn.) at 126, freshman **BRAD PIKE** (Browsdale, Minn.) at 142 and freshman **BRENT BOESHANS** (Beulah, N.D.) at heavyweight.

The lone fourth-place finish went to sophomore **JOSH HOLIDAY** (Anaheim, Calif.) at 158.

Fifth-place finishes went to freshman **BRETT LAWRENCE** (Sandpoint, Idaho) at 118, senior **NICK ANTI-LA** (Robbinsdale, Minn.) at 134 and junior **JEREMY GOEDEN** (Grand Rapids, Minn.) at heavyweight.

Sophomores **CHAD KRAFT** (Lakefield, Minn.) and **PAT CONNORS** (Longview, Minn.) did not wrestle in the tournament.

BISON OPEN RESULTS BY WEIGHT CLASS:

- 118 - Brandon Paulson (1st), Brett Lawrence (5th)
- 126 - Pat Connors (DNW), Ty Friederichs (3rd)
Barrett Golyer (2nd)
- 134 - Mauricio Mora (DNP), Nick Antila (5th)
- 142 - Jason Davids (1st), Dustin Berger (6th), Brad Pike (5th)
Troy Marr (2nd), Josh Krebs (3rd)
- 150 - Chad Kraft (DNW), Eddie Pak (DNP)
- 158 - Delaney Berger (1st), Tim Kinsella (3rd)
Josh Holiday (4th), Jesse Krebs (DNP)
- 167 - Zac Taylor (1st)
- 177 - Brandon Eggum (1st), Kenneth Howard (DNP)
- 190 - Tim Hartung (1st), Josh Dodd (2nd)
- HWT - Shelton Benjamin (2nd), Brent Boeshans (3rd)
Jeremy Goeden (5th)

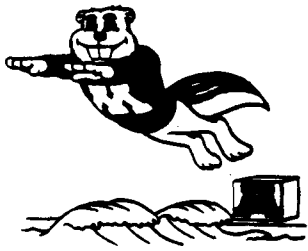
DAVIDS LEADS WAY WITH NO. 2 RANKING:

Davids, Kraft and Paulson have earned preseason rankings. Davids' No. 2 ranking leads the way. The junior from Forest Lake, Minn., finished fifth overall last season in the NCAA Championships with a 34-6 record. Kraft, who finished fifth at the NAAs at 150 with a 29-11 mark, is ranked fourth. Paulson, who qualified for the NCAA's in 1995, is ranked seventh at 118. The Coon Rapids, Minn., native posted a 31-9 record in 1994-95. He sat out last season and won a silver medal at the Olympics in Greco-Roman at 114.5.

GOPHERS RANKED 7TH IN AMATEUR

WRESTLING NEWS PRE-SEASON POLL: The Golden Gophers are ranked tenth in the *Amateur Wrestling News* preseason poll. The Gophers return All-Americans Chad Kraft and Jason Davids and will be aided by the return of Zac Taylor and Brandon Paulson. Taylor and Paulson sat out last season because of Olympic commitments. Paulson claimed the silver medal in the 114.5-pound division in Greco-Roman at the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta.

Rank	Team	Wrestlers in Top 8
1.	Iowa	8
2.	Oklahoma State	4
3.	Michigan State	4
4.	Iowa State	3
5.	Penn State	3
6.	Illinois	8
7.	Minnesota	3
8.	Lock Haven	3
9.	Nebraska	3
10.	Michigan	4
11.	Oklahoma	2
12.	Edinboro	4
13.	Clarion	2
14.	Bakersfield	2
15.	Indiana	2
16.	West Virginia	3
17.	Pittsburgh	2
18.	North Carolina	1
19.	Oregon State	2
20.	Wisconsin	1



SWIMMING AND DIVING

UP NEXT: The Minnesota men's swimming and diving team will host the Minnesota Invitational at the U of M Aquatic Center on Fri.-Sun., Nov. 22-24. Swimming prelims begin at 11 a.m. with finals set to start at 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday while diving will be at 1:30 and 7 p.m. On Sunday, prelims are at 10 a.m. followed by 3 p.m. finals with diving competing at 12:30 p.m.

The Invitational will be a co-ed meet with men's teams competing from Wisconsin, Carleton, Iowa State, North Dakota, St. Olaf, Utah and Florida Atlantic.

LAST YEAR: The Golden Gophers won the Minnesota Invitational earning first-place honors in 15 of the 21 events. The tankers finished the three-day event with 1,160 points outdistancing runner-up Georgia with 931. Wisconsin was third with 543, followed by Iowa State with 525, Florida St. with 448, St. Olaf with 130 and North Dakota with 65.

Minnesota had several multiple winners as **MANOLIS LENTARIS** (Jr., Hania, Crete, Greece) captured the 500, 200 and 1650 free titles and was on the 200, 400 and 800 free relay squads. **ISAAC BJORKLUND** (Sr., New Brighton, Minn.) won all three diving events, the 1- and 3-meter springboard and the 10-meter platform. **MATT SCHLESSMAN** (Sr., Avon, Ohio) claimed an individual title in the 100 free and teamed in the 200 medley, 400 and 800 free relays and **MITCH HENKE** (Sr., Mandan, N.D.) won the 100 breast and was on the 200 medley relay team.

POWER SWIMMER: Powerbar, an official sponsor of Golden Gopher swimming, will name a Powerbar Swimmer of the Meet following each competition. This week's Powerbar Swimmer of the Meet is Manolis Lentaris who led Minnesota to a 175-125 win over Nebraska, winning the 200, 500 and 1000 freestyle.

AGAINST THE HUSKERS: The University of Minnesota men's swim team topped the University of Nebraska 175-125 Saturday in dual meet action at the U of M Aquatic Center. The 11th-ranked Golden Gophers were led by Manolis Lentaris and **MARTIN ZIELINSKI** (So., Bloomington, Minn.) Minnesota improves to 2-0 on the year while Nebraska, ranked No. 16, falls to 2-1.

EVENT RESULTS:

1000 Free: 1. M. Lentaris, Minn., 9:28.08; 2. B. Bishop, Minn., 9:29.54; 3. E. Rasser, Neb., 9:38.60; 4. J. Miller, Minn., 9:39.65.

1-meter Diving: 1. Dan Bergman, Neb., 308.63; 2. I. Bjorklund, Minn., 284.63; 3. Darren Thornburgh, Neb., 262.80; 4. Bert Locklin, Neb., 257.25.

200 Free: 1. M. Lentaris, Minn., 1:39.15; 2. Juan Benavides, Neb., 1:41.70; 3. J. Mathias, Neb., 1:41.84; 4. M. Schlessman, Minn., 1:41.92.

100 Back: 1. M. Zielinski, Minn., 50.56; 2. C. Ford, Neb., 50.69; 3. E. Hulseman, Minn., 52.34; 4. J. Rodriguez, Minn., 53.49.

100 Breaststroke: 1. O. Godoi, Minn., 57.67; 2. M. Henke, Minn., 58.34; 3. C. Wennberg, Neb., 58.83; 4. A. Costello, Neb., 59.24.

200 Fly: 1. A. Pine, Neb., 1:50.99; 2. Y. Meiri, Minn., 1:51.07; 3. J. Cahoy, Minn., 1:52.86; 4. J. McLeod, Minn., 1:52.86.

50 Free: 1. J. Benavides, Neb., 20.53; 2. T. Bathurst, Minn., 20.71; 3. A. Shleifman, Neb., 21.12; 4. J. Rients, Minn., 21.35.

100 Free: 1. J. Benavides, Neb., 45.21; 2. M. Schlessman, Minn., 45.56; 3. J. Rients, Minn., 46.73; 4. T. Bathurst, Minn., 46.92.

200 Back: 1. M. Zielinski, Minn., 1:51.82; 2. J. McLeod, Minn., 1:52.02; 3. E. Rasser, Neb., 1:52.98; 4. R. Crosby, Minn., 1:56.40.

200 Breaststroke: 1. C. Wannberg, Neb., 2:06.49; 2. J. Rodriguez, Minn., 2:08.10; 3. J. Stevens, Neb., 2:08.19; 4. O. Godoi, Minn., 2:08.89.

500 Free: 1. M. Lentaris, Minn., 4:33.02; 2. B. Bishop, Minn., 4:37.72; 3. J. Miller, Minn., 4:41.44; 4. J. Mathias, Neb., 4:42.37.

100 Fly: 1. A. Pine, Neb., 48.49; 2. M. Zielinski, Minn., 50.04; 3. J. Cahoy, Minn., 50.46; 4. M. Schlessman, Minn., 51.11.21

3-meter Diving: 1. D. Bergman, Neb., 328.28; 2. B. Locklin, Neb., 297.98; 3. E. Cook, Neb., 287.85; 4. I. Bjorklund, Minn., 283.80.

200 IM: 1. J. McLeod, Minn., 1:52.40; 2. Y. Meiri, Minn., 1:54.73; 3. M. Windisch, Neb., 1:55.55; 4. J. Rodriguez, Minn., 1:56.43.

400 Free Relay: 1. Minn. A (Schlessman, Rients, Cahoy, Lentaris), 3:02.86; 2. Neb. A, 3:03.00; 3. Minn. B, 3:08.42; 4. Neb. B, 3:12.87.

200 Medley Relay: 1. Minn. A (Eriek Hulseman, Oscar Godoi, Martin Zielinski, Ty Bathurst), 1:32.53; 2. Neb. C, 1:40.82; 3. Minn. B (Meiri, Henke, Cahoy, Rients) 1:34.13; 4. Neb. B, 1:36.21.



"M" CLUB HALL OF FAME

HALL OF FAME WEEKEND: The University of Minnesota "M" Club and the Men's Intercollegiate Athletics Department is holding the sixth annual Hall of Fame Weekend on Nov. 22-23. Ten former student-athletes, one special achievement award winner and three lifetime achievement award winners will be inducted into the prestigious University of Minnesota "M" Club Hall of Fame this year. The banquet and induction ceremony will be held at the Radisson Metrodome on the University of Minnesota Campus on Friday, November 22 at 6:00 p.m. The inductees will also be recognized at a special ceremony during the Minnesota-Iowa football game on Nov. 23. Game time is 7:30 p.m. For more information on the banquet, call the "M" Club at (612) 929-8813. For football game ticket information, call the Gopher ticket office at (612) 624-8080 or 1-800-U-GOPHER.

CONTEMPORARY GROUP:

RANDY BREUER was a first-team All-Big Ten selection in 1982 and '83. He holds the record for blocks in a season with 87. The '83 team MVP ranks second in Golden Gophers history in blocks (228), fourth in scoring (1,777) and ninth in rebounding (730). The Golden Gophers qualified for post-season play all four years he played at Minnesota. He was a key member of the '82 Big Ten championship team, a squad that advanced all the way to the NCAA Midwest Region Semifinal. The former center also played a major role on the Gophers' '80, '81 and '83 NIT teams. He was an '83 first round draft choice (18th overall) of the Milwaukee Bucks.

ROY GRIAK was Golden Gophers' cross country coach for 33 seasons. His teams captured two Big Ten titles, three second-place finishes and seven third-place finishes in league meets. He led the Golden Gophers to a Big Ten title in 1964, the school's first in the sport since 1914. His 1969 team also took the conference crown and finished seventh at the national meet. Under his guidance in '68, the Golden Gophers finished second at the Big Ten meet and placed fourth at the NCAA Championships. His cross country teams recorded an overall dual-meet record of 159-46 which translates to a .776 winning percentage. In addition to his cross country coaching duties, Griak also served as the head coach of the Golden Gophers' track and field team from 1964-95. He guided the '68 squad to a league title. Currently he serves as an administrative assistant for both the cross country and track and field teams. He coached 47 cross country and track and field All-Americans during his career, including three NCAA champions. His athletes have collected 60 Big Ten conference individual titles as well. He has served as assistant manager, assistant coach and

head manager of past U.S. Olympic teams. He is a member of the prestigious Drake Relays Coaches Hall of Fame. Before coaching at Minnesota, he ran for the Golden Gophers, lettering in both cross country and track and field.

NOEL JENKE was a three-sport athlete at Minnesota, earning letters in football, hockey and baseball. In football, he played linebacker and earned first-team All-Big Ten honors in 1968. He was also academic All-Big Ten in '68 and '69. He is tied for seventh on the Golden Gophers' all-time interception list with eight. He was part of the 1967 team which tied for the Big Ten title after posting an 8-2 overall record and 6-1 league mark. As a winger in hockey, he lettered three times. He played baseball in 1969 and was named All-Big Ten and All-American. During that season, he batted .400, hit 12 home runs and had a slugging percentage of .785. His statistics rank among Minnesota's best in a single season. The '69 team won the Big Ten championship with an overall record of 36-12 and a 15-3 conference mark. He was signed by the Boston Red Sox in 1969.

RON JOHNSON was a first-team All-American for the Golden Gophers' basketball team in 1960. He was also first-team All-Big Ten in '59 and '60. He holds the school record for most field goals in a game with 18 (vs. Ohio State, 1/31/59). He is the 12th leading scorer in Golden Gophers' history with 1,335 points and the sixth leading rebounder with 820 boards. He is seventh in single-season rebounding with 282. Detroit selected him in the second round of the 1960 draft.

CRAIG LINCOLN was a 1972 All-American for the Golden Gophers' swimming and diving team and was the NCAA Champion in 3-Meter diving that same year. He won three Big Ten titles, capturing the 3-Meter diving championship in 1970 and 1972 and the 1-Meter diving crown in 1971. He is a member of the University of Minnesota Aquatic Hall of Fame.

MURRAY McLACHLAN was a 1970 first team All-American goalie for the Golden Gophers' hockey team. Minnesota won the WCHA championship that year. McLachlan is tied for second in Golden Gophers' history for shutouts (5), third in saves (2,480) and third in save percentage (.902). He is sixth in school history for minutes played (4,878) and goals against average (3.28). During the 1969-70 season, he had 929 saves, a mark which ranks him fifth all-time among Minnesota goalies. He also had a save percentage of .910 that year, tying him for fifth all-time. He was team MVP from 1967-70.

TERRY STEINBACH was an All-Big Ten third baseman in 1982 and '83. He played a major role on the 1981 and '83 Big Ten Division Championship teams and the 1982 Big Ten Championship squad. He ranks in the school's top 10 in nearly every career and season batting category. He is third in Golden Gophers' history in career batting average (.375), fourth in home runs (25), fourth in career RBI's (165), fifth in slugging percentage (.601), eighth in total bases (328) and ninth in career hits (205). He currently catches for the Oakland Athletics.

TOM STEINBACH was an All-Big Ten outfielder from 1981-83 for the Golden Gophers' baseball team. His 45 career home runs and .667 slugging percentage are school records. In 1983, he had a slugging percentage of .859, a Golden Gophers' record. His name also lists among the school's top 10 in several other career and season batting categories. He helped lead the Golden Gophers' to the 1981 and '83 Big Ten Division Championship and to the 1982 Big Ten Championship. He was signed by the Seattle Mariners in 1983.

PIONEER GROUP:

CHARLES McCABE was an All-American center for the Golden Gophers' hockey team in 1929. "Moose Jaw" set a Big Ten scoring record that year and also served as team captain. The Golden Gophers' tied with Yale for the national championship at the end of the season. He was known as a clever stick handler and one of the best all-around players in the conference.

ED ROGERS played end and kicker for the Golden Gophers' football team from 1901-03. He was team captain in 1903, a year in which the Golden Gophers won the Big Ten championship. He is one of 14 former Golden Gophers who are enshrined in the College Football Hall of Fame.

SPECIAL GROUP:

JULIUS PERLT was public address announcer for Golden Gophers' basketball, football, hockey and track. He announced his first football game in the fall of 1928. He was known for his clever announcement of scores and players' names. He was the P.A. announcer until 1987, announcing more than 400 football and 1,000 basketball games during his time.


LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD:

STANLEY S. HUBBARD played on the Golden Gophers' junior varsity hockey team from 1951-1954 and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree. Working in the family broadcast business since 1951, he became President of Hubbard Broadcasting, Inc. (HBI) in 1967 and Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer in 1983. Hubbard is also currently Chairman of United States Satellite Broadcasting Co., Inc. (USSB). Hubbard Broadcasting is the managing general partner of Conus Communications, the world's first satellite news gathering organization. He formed USSB in 1981, becoming one of the first proponents of Direct Broadcast Satellite (DBS). Hubbard has numerous awards and inductions and has served on several boards and committees. He is an inductee in Broadcasting & Cable Magazine's first Hall of Fame (1991) and the Society of Satellite Professionals International Hall of Fame (1992) and a recipient of the SBCA's Arthur C. Clarke Award (1994). Hubbard has served on the United States National Information Infrastructure Advisory Council, which helped Vice President Al Gore develop policies and plans for America's new information and telecommunications "super-highway" (1994-1996), the FCC's Blue Ribbon Advisory Committee on Advanced Television Service (1988-1995), and the Broadcast Advisory Committee to the House Subcommittee on Communications. Hubbard has been asked

to testify before Congress on numerous occasions.

LES MALKERSON lettered in hockey in 1935 and served as national president of the Students Agricultural Engineering Society. He was elected to the University of Minnesota Board of Regents in 1951 and served until 1977. Regents are the governing body of the U of M. They determine policy, control ongoing business and play a large part in determining the future growth and development of the University. Malkerson ranks eighth in terms of the length of service to the University and to the citizens of the State. As a member of the board for more than a quarter century, the U of M experienced dramatic changes in its philosophy on education and administration. Malkerson served on standing and special committees of the Board of Regents and was deeply involved in the expansion and long range plans for the Coordinate Campuses and the development of the West Bank of the Main Campus. He also participated in the selection process for four University presidents. During his tenure, student enrollment more than doubled and the annual budget increased more than tenfold.

JIM MALOSKY lettered in football from 1947-49. He was the starting quarterback during his junior and senior seasons and helped lead the Golden Gophers to identical 7-2 records during those years. Malosky went on to coach high school football, and then in 1958, he accepted the University of Minnesota-Duluth's offer to become only its third football coach in history. He just completed his 39th year, compiling a 251-119-13 record over the period. The mark makes him the winningest active coach in NCAA Division II and the eighth winningest active head man in all of college football. Malosky has won or shared three MIAC titles (1960, 1961, and 1973), five Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference crowns (1979, 1980, 1985, 1990 and 1995), and has been named Coach of the Year by the MIAC, the NSIC and NAIA District 13 on nine occasions. He is a member of the Minnesota High School Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame.



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WACKER RESIGNS AS UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA FOOTBALL COACH

Jim Wacker announced today that he will resign as head football coach at the University of Minnesota at the completion of the 1996 season.

Wacker, who had two years remaining on a contract extension that he agreed to last November, informed Director of Men's Athletics Dr. Mark Dienhart of his decision following Saturday's 45-28 defeat at Wisconsin. The loss dropped the Golden Gophers to 3-6 overall and 0-6 in the Big Ten.

Ranked No. 12 on the winningest Division I-A active football coaches list with a 159-129-3 record in 26 seasons as a head coach, Wacker, 59, has a 15-38 mark in five years at the helm of the University of Minnesota program. The Golden Gophers, who under Wacker's direction have led the league in Academic All-Big Ten selections the past three years, will play host to Illinois Saturday and then Iowa on Nov. 23 to wrap up the season.

"This is our fifth year here and I felt that it was important for us to have a winning season," Wacker said. "We've done a lot of good things here, especially in the area of academics, but for some reason we couldn't get it done on the field. I honestly believe that the program is heading in the right direction, but I'm the first to admit that the players need a change.

"I can't say enough about the support that President Nils Hasselmo, Vice President McKinley Boston and Mark Dienhart have given our staff the past five years," he said. "Everyone here from top to bottom has been great. I can't emphasize that enough. I will do everything I can to ensure that the transition to the new coaching staff is a smooth one. I want nothing more than to see this program be successful in the future and believe me I'll be one of its biggest supporters."

"It's tough to accept Jim's resignation because of the tremendous personal impact he and his staff have had on our football program, its student-athletes, the University of Minnesota community and the state of Minnesota as a whole," Dienhart said. "Although it hasn't been reflected in the win column, he and his staff have made significant progress with our program. We have led the conference in Academic All-Big Ten selections the past three seasons and Jim has run a program fully committed to complying with all NCAA rules. We all wish Jim, his coaching staff and their families the very, very best in the future. They deserve nothing less."

Wacker has captured four national titles during his coaching career. He won NAIA national crowns in 1974 and 1975 at Texas Lutheran and then NCAA Division II titles in 1981 and 1982 at Southwest Texas State. He was named College Division Coach of the Year in 1982 by the American Football Coaches Association.

In 1984 Wacker led a TCU team, which had fashioned a 17-90-3 mark from 1973-82, to an 8-3 record and an invitation to the Bluebonnet Bowl. His success earned him National Coach of the Year honors from *The Sporting News*, UPI and ESPN. That same year he was named the recipient of the American Sportsmanship Council's Bobby Dodd Coach of the Year Award.

According to Dienhart a national search will begin immediately for Wacker's successor.



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Gopher Hotline

The Golden Gopher Hotline features daily interviews with players and coaches. It is available to the media 24 hours a day by calling (612) 625-7887. The hotline is broadcast quality and is changed by noon each day. This service is for media use only. The schedule for this week is as follows:

Monday, November 25:

Assistant Wrestling Coach **Marty Morgan**

Tuesday, November 26:

Head Hockey Coach **Doug Woog**

Wednesday, November 27:

Head Basketball Coach **Clem Haskins** previews the San Juan Shootout

Thursday, November 28 - Sunday, December 1:

Head Basketball Coach **Clem Haskins'** West Virginia postgame comments

This Week in Gopher Sports

*Tuesday, November 26

Basketball vs. West Virginia Mountaineers

Target Center, Minneapolis, Minn.

Midwest Sports Channel, WCCO-AM 830, 7 p.m.

*Friday, November 29

Basketball at San Juan Shootout, vs. Puerto Rico-Mayaguez

Caguas Sports Complex, San Juan, Puerto Rico, Mexico, 8 p.m.

Hockey at College Hockey Showcase, vs. Michigan Wolverines

Joe Louis Arena, Detroit, Michigan

Midwest Sports Channel, KSPT-AM 1500, 3:30 p.m.

Wrestling at Northern Open

Camp Randall Memorial Sports Center, Madison, Wis., All Day

*Saturday, November 30

Basketball at San Juan Shootout, vs. Florida/Creighton

Caguas Sports Complex, San Juan, Puerto Rico, Mexico, TBA

Hockey at College Hockey Showcase, vs. Michigan St. Spartans

Joe Louis Arena, Detroit, Michigan

Midwest Sports Channel, KSPT-AM 1500, 6:30 p.m.

*Sunday, December 1

Basketball at San Juan Shootout, vs TBA

Caguas Sports Complex, San Juan, Puerto Rico, Mexico, TBA

*Thursday, December 5

Basketball at Alabama Crimson Tide

Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Midwest Sports Channel, WCCO-AM 830, 7 p.m.

*Friday, December 6

Wrestling vs. Northwestern Wildcats

Williams Arena, Minneapolis, Minn., 7:30 p.m.

*Note

The next Gophers Sports Olympic Release will be issued on Monday, December, 9.

GET WIRED!

The University of Minnesota Men's Athletic Department is now on the Internet.

The World Wide Web site contains press releases, statistics, rosters, schedules and much more information. The Web pages can be accessed at:

<http://gophersports.umn.edu>

Information on every Big Ten school and the conference is also available via the Internet. The Big Ten's home page on ESPN-ET SportsZone will be available at the following address:

<http://espnet.sportszone.com>



WRESTLING

1996-97 WRESTLING SCHEDULE

DATE	MEET	PLACER	RESULT/TIME
All Unattached			
Nov. 16	Bison Open	Fargo, N.D.	All Day
Nov. 23	UNO Open	Omaha, Neb.	All Day
Nov. 29	Northern Open	Madison, Wis.	All Day
Official Team Schedule			
Nov. 22	North Dakota St.	Fargo, N.D.	W, 42-3
Dec. 6	Northwestern	Williams	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 15	Clarion Duals	Clarion, Pa.	All Day
		- Rider	1:00 p.m.
		- Clarion	3:00 p.m.
		- Ohio U	5:00 p.m.
Dec. 17	S. Connecticut St.	New Haven, Conn.	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 4	Iowa State	Williams	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 7	Nebraska	Lincoln, Neb.	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 10	South Dakota St.	Williams	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 18-19	National Duals	Lincoln, Neb.	All Day
Jan. 24	Iowa	Iowa City, Iowa	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 31	Oklahoma State	Stillwater, Okla.	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 2	Wisconsin	Williams	2:30 p.m.
Feb. 9	Penn State	Pavilion	2:30 p.m.
Feb. 15	Michigan State	East Lansing, Mich.	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 16	Michigan	Ann Arbor, Mich.	1:00 p.m.
Feb. 23	Ohio State	Pavilion	2:30 p.m.
Mar. 8-9	Big Ten's	Home	All Day
Mar. 20-22	NCAA's	Cedar Falls, Iowa	All Day

Bold indicates in-state meets

WRESTLERS AT NORTHERN OPEN ON NOV. 29; HOST NORTHWESTERN ON DEC. 6:

The University of Minnesota concludes its unattached season when the team travels to the Northern Open in Madison, Wis., on Nov. 29.

The Gophers continue their dual meet schedule with a match against Northwestern on Dec. 6 at Williams Arena. Meet time is 7:30 p.m.

THE RECORDS: The Golden Gophers head into the dual meet against Northwestern with a 1-0 record. The U of M wrestlers defeated NCAA Division II power North Dakota State 42-3. The dual also marks the first Big Ten conference meet for both schools in 1996-97.

Minnesota posted a 10-8-1 overall dual meet record and 2-5 mark in the Big Ten last season. The Gophers placed sixth at the Big Ten Championship and 19th at the NCAA Division I meet.

Northwestern posted an 8-5-1 overall dual meet record and 4-5-1 mark in the Big Ten last year. The Wildcats placed

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GOPHER PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP VS. NORTHWESTERN:

Weight	Wrestler	Record (Overall, Dual)
118	Brandon Paulson	5-0, 1-0
126	Ty Friederichs	8-1, 0-0
134	Nick Antila	5-1, 1-0
142	Jason Davids	5-0, 1-0
150	Chad Kraft	1-0, 1-0
158	Delaney Berger	5-0, 1-0
167	Zac Taylor	4-0, 0-0
177	Brandon Eggum	5-0, 1-0
190	Tim Hartung	4-0, 1-0
HWT	Shelton Benjamin	6-2, 0-0

WRESTLERS DOMINATE NDSU, 42-3

The University of Minnesota wrestling team opened the 1996-97 dual meet season with an impressive 42-3 win over North Dakota State in Fargo, N.D.

Junior **BRANDON PAULSON** (118, Coon Rapids, Minn.) pinned NDSU's Kyle Pieper in 1:53 to give the Golden Gophers an early 6-0 lead the team would never relinquish. Also winning by pin were sophomore **CHAD KRAFT** (Lakefield, Minn.) at 150, sophomore **TIM HARTUNG** (Durand, Wis.) at 190 and freshman **BRENT BOESHANS** (Beulah, N.D.) at heavyweight. Junior **JASON DAVIDS** (Forest Lake, Minn.) won by technical fall at 142 and freshman **BRANDON EGGUM** (Sidney, Mont.) won by major decision at 177. Senior **NICK ANTILA** (134, Robbinsdale, Minn.), sophomore **JESSE KREBS** (158, Minot, N.D.) and freshman **DELANEY BERGER** (158, Mandan, N.D.) won by decision.

North Dakota State's Jeff Kapusta recorded the lone Bison win with a 6-3 decision over the Gophers' **BARRETT GOLYER** (So., 126, Cedar, Minn.)

MINNESOTA 42, NORTH DAKOTA ST. 3 RESULTS BY WEIGHT CLASS:

- 118 - Brandon Paulson pinned NDSU's Kyle Pieper in 1:53
- 126 - NDSU's Jeff Kapusta dec. Bart Golyer, 6-3
- 134 - Nick Antila dec. NDSU's George Thompson, 7-3
- 142 - Jason Davids tech. fall NDSU's Jason Cuperus, 24-9
- 150 - Chad Kraft pinned NDSU's Josh Kerbaugh in 1:32
- 158 - Jesse Krebs dec. NDSU's Wayne Mooney, 3-1
- 167 - Delaney Berger maj. dec. NDSU's M. Pazdernik, 18-7
- 177 - Brandon Eggum dec. NDSU's Jeremy McCrank, 9-3
- 190 - Tim Hartung pinned NDSU's Ryan Wolters, 2:33
- HWT - Brent Boeshans pinned NDSU's Josh Dick, 4:10

KINSELLA AND LAWRENCE CLAIM UNO

INDIVIDUAL TITLES: Freshmen **TIM KINSELLA** (Litchfield, Minn.) and **BRETT LAWRENCE** (Sandpoint, Idaho) claimed individual titles to lead the Golden Gophers at the University of Nebraska-Omaha Open on Saturday, Nov. 23.

Kinsella decisioned sophomore teammate Josh Holiday, 1-0 to claim the 158-pound title in the Open Division. Lawrence decisioned Ryan Cunningham of Wartburg College, 5-2 to win the 118-pound title in the 20-Under Division.

In other Open Division action, sophomore **JOSH DODD** (190, Northwood, Iowa), junior **SHELTON BENJAMIN** (HWT, Susanville, Calif.) and Holiday (158) claimed second-place finishes. Sophomore **PAT CONNERS** (Longview, Wash.) finished third at 126, while sophomore **TROY MARR** (Wyoming, Minn.) finished fourth at 142. Sophomore **MAURICIO MORA** (Santa Ana, Calif.) placed fifth at 134. Freshman **BRAD PIKE** (Brownsdale, Minn.) placed fifth at 142 in the 20-Under Division..

UNO OPEN RESULTS BY WEIGHT CLASS:

- 118 - Brett Lawrence (1st)
- 126 - Pat Connors (3rd), Ty Friederichs (DNP)
- 134 - Mauricio Mora (5th)
- 142 - Dustin Berger (DNP), Brad Pike (5th)
Troy Marr (4th), Josh Krebs (DNP)
- 150 - Eddie Pak (DNP)
- 158 - Tim Kinsella (1st), Josh Holiday (2nd)
- 177 - Kenneth Howard (DNP)
- 190 - Josh Dodd (2nd)
- HWT - Shelton Benjamin (2nd)

DAVIDS LEADS WAY WITH NO. 2 RANKING:

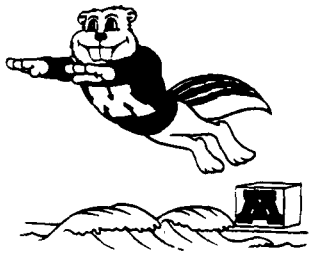
Davids, Kraft, Paulson and Taylor have earned preseason rankings. Davids' No. 2 ranking leads the way. The junior from Forest Lake, Minn., finished fifth overall last season in the NCAA Championships with a 34-6 record. Kraft, who finished fifth at the NAAs at 150 with a 29-11 mark, is ranked fourth. Taylor is ranked fifth at 177 after sitting out last season for an Olympic commitment. Paulson, who qualified for the NAAs in 1995, is ranked seventh at 118. The Coon Rapids, Minn., native posted a 31-9 record in 1994-95. He sat out last season and won a silver medal at the Olympics in Greco-Roman at 114.5.

GOPHERS RANKED 7TH IN AMATEUR

WRESTLING NEWS POLL: The Golden Gophers are ranked tenth in the *Amateur Wrestling News* season poll.

Rank Team

1. Iowa
2. Oklahoma State
3. Michigan State
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5. Penn State
6. Illinois
7. Minnesota
8. Lock Haven
9. Michigan
10. Clarion
11. Oklahoma
12. Edinboro
13. Nebraska
14. Bakersfield
15. Indiana
16. West Virginia
17. Pittsburgh
18. North Carolina
19. Oregon State



SWIMMING AND DIVING

UP NEXT: The Minnesota men's swimming and diving team will have the next couple of weekends off before traveling to Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., for its annual winter training trip on Dec. 15-24. The Golden Gophers will swim against Miami (Fla.) and Clemson on Dec. 20 at Miami.

POWER SWIMMER: Powerbar, an official sponsor of Golden Gopher swimming, will name a Powerbar Swimmer of the Meet following each competition. This week's Powerbar Swimmer of the Meet is **TY BATHURST**. Bathurst helped lead Minnesota to the team title at the Minnesota Invitational as he was part of all three season national-best times posted by Minnesota swimmers. The junior from Albuquerque, N. M., was a part of the 200 and 400 freestyle relay squads and the 50 freestyle which posted season national-best times. He also won the 100 breaststroke.

INVITATIONAL DOMINATION: The Minnesota men's swimming and diving team won the team title at the Minnesota Invitational at the U of M Aquatic Center this past weekend. The Golden Gophers outdistanced runner-up Iowa State 1409.5-663. Wisconsin finished third with 528.5 followed by Utah with 500 and Florida Atlantic with 311.

The Maroon and Gold men turned in its third season national-best time at the meet on Sunday. The 400 freestyle relay team of Bathurst, **MATT SCHLESSMAN** (Sr., Avon, Ohio), **JEREMY RIENTS** (Jr., Apple Valley, Minn.) and **LUIS LOPEZ** (So., Aurora, Colo.) touched the wall at 2:59.88. The same four men set a season national-best time Friday in the 200 freestyle relay while Bathurst earned the distinction in the 50 free. Minnesota athletes captured 16 titles in the 21 events contested over three days at the Invitational.

Division I Men: 1. Minnesota, 1,409.5; 2. Iowa State, 663; 3. Wisconsin, 528.5; 4. Utah, 500; 5. Florida Atlantic, 311.

Division II Men: 1. North Dakota, 203.

Division III Men: 1. St. Olaf, 123; Gustavus, 0; Carleton, 0.

200 Freestyle Relay: 1. Minn. A (T. Bathurst, J. Rients, M. Schlessman, L. Lopez), 1:21.21; 2. Iowa State A, 1:24.03; 3. Florida Atlantic A, 1:24.95; 4. Utah A, 1:25.94; 5. Minn. B (J. Witikko, A. Frankow, C. Campbell, R. Gardiner), 1:26.01; 6. No. Dak. A, 1:26.45.

500 Freestyle: 1. M. Lentaris, Minn., 4:29.34; 2. B. Bishop, Minn., 4:33.21; 3. J. Miller, Minn., 4:33.82; 4. J. Peak, Wis., 4:34.24; 5. B. Carlson, Minn., 4:38.93; 6. B. Heidelberger, Utah, 4:39.69.

200 IM: 1. O. Agh, Florida Atlantic, 1:51.19; 2. J. McLeod, Minn., 1:51.47; 3. Y. Meiri, Minn., 1:52.78; 4. J. Rodriguez, Minn., 1:54.00; 5. B. Howard, Minn., 1:54.25; 6. M. Teichman, Minn., 1:54.67.

50 Freestyle: 1. Ty Bathurst, Minn., 20.20; 2. L. Lopez, Minn., 20.84; 3. J. Rients, Minn., 20.86; 4. M. Schlessman, Minn., 20.90; 5. M. Ronnewall, Utah, 21.20; 6. J. Dahl, Iowa St., 21.24.

3-Meter Diving: 1. I. Bjorklund, Minn., 511.10; 2. M. Ninneman, Minn., 459.75; 3. B. Berkey, Wis., 425.95; 4. D. Jones, Utah, 396.85; 5. D. Lehmkuhler, No. Dak., 382.90; 6. S. Mohabar, Iowa St., 304.30.

400 Medley Relay: 1. Minn. A (E. Hulseman, M. Henke, M. Zielinski, M. Lentaris), 3:22.16; 2. Iowa St. A, 3:22.95; 3. Minn. B (Y. Meiri, O. Godoi, J. Cahoy, J. Witikko), 3:24.05; 4. Utah A, 3:28.44; 5. Wis. A, 3:29.20; 6. Fla. Atlantic A, 3:29.44.

200 Medley Relay: 1. Minn. A (E. Hulseman, M. Henke, M. Zielinski, T. Bathurst) 1:31.55. 2. Iowa State, 1:32.31. 3. Utah, 1:34.16. 4. Minn. B (Ryan Crosby, Oscar Godoi, Marc Teichman, Jeremy Rients), 1:34.56.

400 IM: 1. O. Agh, FAU, 3:54.86. 2. J. McLeod, Minn., 3:57.49. 3. B. Howard, Minn., 3:57.49. 4. Y. Meiri, Minn., 3:59.68. 5. J. Rodriguez, Minn., 4:01.87.

100 butterfly: 1. M. Zielinski, Minn., 49.52. 2. Dahl, ISU, 49.56. 3. M. Schlessman, Minn., 50.15. 4. J. Cahoy, Minn., 50.26. 5. Sinclair, Utah, 50.33.

200 Freestyle: 1. M. Lentaris, Minn., 1:39.58. 2. J. Rients, Minn., 1:40.31. 3. L. Lopez, Minn., 1:41.20. 4. J. Witiko, Minn., 1:41.49. 5. E. Godsman, Wis., 1:41.56.

100 Breaststroke: 1. T. Bathurst, Minn., 55.96; 2. Schnider, ISU, 56.41. 3. M. Henke, Minn., 56.67. 4. O. Godoi, Minn., 56.92. 5. M. Teichman, Minn., 58.11.

100 Backstroke: 1. C. Miller, Wis., 51.00. 1. E. Hulseman, Minn., 51.00. 3. M. Zielinski, Minn., 51.11. 4. Sinclair, Utah, 51.25. 5. R. Crosby, Minn., 51.97.

1-Meter Diving: 1. I. Bjorklund, Minn., 462.20. 2. M. Ninneman, Minn., 435.00. 3. S. Mohabar, ISU, 339.85. 4. S. Reid, Utah, 313.90. 5. B. Berkey, Wis., 311.80. 6. D. Lehmkuhler, UND, 294.95.

800 Freestyle Relay: 1. Minn. A (Schlessman, Lopez, McLeod, Lentaris), 6:44.22. 2. Minn. B (Cahoy, Witikko, Carlson, Bishop), 6:50.94. 3. Utah A, 6:51.74. 4. Fla. Atlantic (Studd, Martin, Suasez, Ahg), 6:54.15. 5. Iowa State (Andersson, Franicevic, Ruzicka, Dahl), 6:54.73.

1650 Freestyle: 1. O. Agh, Fla. Atlantic, 15:34.03; 2. M. Lentaris, Minn., 15:38.17; 3. B. Bishop, Minn., 15:45.45; 4. J. Peak, Wis., 15:49.54; 5. J. Miller, Minn., 15:54.17; 6. E. Deszoeke, Iowa St., 16:11.72.

200 Backstroke: 1. C. Miller, Wis., 1:48.95; 2. R. Crosby, Minn., 1:51.31; 3. J. McLeod, Minn., 1:51.65; 4. E. Hulseman, Minn., 1:51.85; 5. C. Sinclair, Utah, 1:52.31; 6. J. Andersson, Iowa St., 1:52.42.

100 Freestyle: 1. J. Riets, Minn., 45.48; 2. M. Schlessman, Minn., 45.58; 3. L. Lopez, Minn., 45.72; 4. M. Ronnewall, Utah, 45.90; 5. J. Dahl, Iowa St., 46.02; 6. J. Witikko, Minn., 46.77.

200 Breaststroke: 1. J. Rodriguez, Minn., 2:03.71; 2. M. Henke, Minn., 2:04.38; 3. B. Howard, Minn., 2:04.91; 4. M. Ritcey, Iowa St., 2:07.44; 5. O. Godoi, Minn., 2:08.63; 6. C. Cervenka, Wis., 2:12.07.

200 Butterfly: 1. Y. Meiri, Minn., 1:50.10; 2. L. Franicevic, Iowa St., 1:51.12; 3. J. Dahl, Iowa St., 1:51.47; 4. W. Rudat, Wis., 1:52.37; 5. M. Zielinski, Minn., 1:52.53; 6. M. Arousso, Utah, 1:53.32.

Platform Diving: 1. I. Bjorklund, Minn., 417.52.

400 Freestyle Relay: 1. Minn. A (T. Bathurst, M. Schlessman, J. Riets, L. Lopez), 2:59.88; 2. Iowa St. A, 3:05.21; 3. Wis. A, 3:07.47; 4. Utah A, 3:07.94; 5. Minn. B, (M. Lentaris, J. Witikko, B. Carlson, R. Crosby), 3:07.97; 6. Iowa St., 3:11.57.



BASEBALL

SIGNEES: The The University of Minnesota baseball program has received national letters of intent from six top recruits during the NCAA's early signing period. Catcher **JEREMY BEAULIEU** from Shoreview, Minn., (Mounds View), infielder/outfielder/catcher **PAUL HARTMANN** from Red Wing, Minn., infielder **SCOTT HOWARD** from Apple Valley, Minn., (Rosemount), outfielder **JASON KENNEDY** from Shorewood, Minn., (Minnetonka), shortstop **JOSHUA RUSSELL** from St. Paul, Minn., (Roseville)

and pitcher **JOSH KALINOWSKI** from Casper, Wyo., (Indian Hills C. C.), have all signed national letters of intent and will attend the University of Minnesota next fall.

Beaulieu, a 5-11, 170-pound catcher, is a solid receiver and has an excellent arm. "We wanted to strengthen the catching position in our program with a player who can come in and catch as a freshman," Head Coach John Anderson said. "Jeremy was our No. 1 choice and has a power arm behind the plate. He's a good receiver and blocker and he's very polished already."

Hartmann, a versatile athlete with good speed and hitting skills is 6-1, 180 pounds. "Paul is an outstanding student-athlete who will play two or three positions while at Minnesota," Anderson said. "We like his overall versatility and if he can master being a switch hitter, he will be a fine player."

Howard, a 6-0, 165-pound second baseman, hit a combined .320 with 38 stolen bases for the Rosemount H.S. and legion teams in 1996, helping the Irish to two consecutive state tournament berths. "Scott is another outstanding all-around athlete with good quickness and speed," Anderson said. "We will work to make a switch hitter out of Scott. We like his work ethic and desire to join the Golden Gophers."

Kennedy, a 6-2, 188-pound outfielder, hit .423 with 77 hits, including 19 doubles and 35 stolen bases in 59 games for the Minnetonka legion squad in 1996. "Jason is an outstanding outfielder with good tools," Anderson said. "He can throw, run and play solid defense. He comes from an outstanding high school and legion program that has prepared him well to be a D-I player."

Russell, a 6-4, 195-pound shortstop has a strong arm and good power. "Joshua is a big, strong, athletic shortstop," Anderson said. "He has the potential to hit with power and be an exciting offensive player. He has the tools to be a physical shortstop for us much like Bill Mobilia was."

Kalinowski, a 6-2, 180-pound left-handed pitcher, is projected to be an immediate impact player. The Casper, Wyo., native is currently attending Indian Hills C. C. in Centerville, Iowa and was also being recruited by Florida, Florida State, W. Kentucky, N.W. Louisiana and Alabama. He was drafted by Colorado in the 1996 professional draft. "Josh is an experienced left-handed pitcher who we expect to be one of our top pitchers right away," Anderson said. "He is a professional caliber pitcher who adds real quality to our pitching staff for 1998."

QUINLAN INVITED: Sophomore **ROBB QUINLAN** (Maplewood, Minn.) has been invited to participate in the 1997 USA Baseball National Trials in Tampa, Fla. The trials will be conducted from January 8-12, 1997, at Legends Field, spring training home of the New York Yankees. Sixty-six players comprising three 22-man teams will play two games a day following morning workouts from January 10-12. The trials will serve as the first step in USA Baseball's player evaluation and development process and participating players



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Assistant Hockey Coach **Mike Guentzel**

Tuesday, December 31:
Head Basketball Coach **Clem Haskins**

Wednesday, January 1:
Junior forward **Sam Jacobson**

Thursday, January 2:
Junior wrestler **Brandon Paulson**

Friday, January 3:
Head Track and Field Coach **Phil Lundin**

Saturday, January 4 - Sunday, January 5:
Head Wrestling Coach **J Robinson's** Post-match Iowa State Comments

DON'T FORGET MARCH MADNESS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA...

Gold Country will host these major championships in the month of March!

- March 8-9 Big Ten Wrestling @ Williams Arena
- March 13-15 WCHA Final Five @ St. Paul Civic Center
- March 22-23 Big Ten Gymnastics @ Sports Pavilion
- March 27-29 NCAA Swimming and Diving @ U of M Aquatic Center

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This Week in Gopher Sports

Monday,
Dec. 30

• **Hockey** vs. Team Finland
Mariucci Arena
KSTP-AM 1500, 7 p.m.

Tuesday,
Dec. 31

• **Basketball** vs. Mercer
Williams Arena
Midwest Sports Channel
WCCO-AM 830, 7 p.m.

Thursday,
Jan. 2

• **Basketball** vs. Wisconsin
Williams Arena
Midwest Sports Channel
WCCO-AM 830, 7 p.m.

Friday,
Jan. 5

• **Hockey** at Alaska-Anchorage
Sullivan Arena
Anchorage, Alaska
KSTP-AM 1500, 10 p.m.

Saturday,
Jan. 4

• **Track** Early Bird Open
U of M Fieldhouse, 11 a.m.

• **Basketball** at Michigan State
Breslin Center
East Lansing, Michigan
WCCO-TV Channel 4
WCCO-AM 830, 11:15 a.m.

• **Wrestling** vs. Iowa State
Williams Arena, 7:30 p.m.

• **Hockey** at Alaska-Anchorage
Sullivan Arena
Anchorage, Alaska
KSTP-AM 1500, 10 p.m.



WRESTLING

1996-97 WRESTLING SCHEDULE

DATE	MEET	PLACER	ESULT/TIME
All Unattached			
Nov. 16	Bison Open	Fargo, N.D.	All Day
Nov. 23	UNO Open	Omaha, Neb.	All Day
Nov. 29	Northern Open	Madison, Wis.	All Day
Official Team Schedule			
Nov. 22	North Dakota St.	Fargo, N.D.	W, 42-3
Dec. 6	Northwestern	Williams	W, 35-3
Dec. 15	Clarion Duals	Clarion, Pa.	
		- Ohio U	W, 39-4
		- Clarion	W, 34-9
		- Rider	W, 27-12
Dec. 17	S. Connecticut St.	New Haven, Conn.	W, 46-6
Jan. 4	Iowa State	Williams	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 7	Nebraska	Lincoln, Neb.	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 10	South Dakota St.	Williams	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 18-19	National Duals	Lincoln, Neb.	All Day
Jan. 24	Iowa	Iowa City, Iowa	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 31	Oklahoma State	Stillwater, Okla.	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 2	Wisconsin	Williams	2:30 p.m.
Feb. 9	Penn State	Pavilion	2:30 p.m.
Feb. 15	Michigan State	East Lansing, Mich.	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 16	Michigan	Ann Arbor, Mich.	1:00 p.m.
Feb. 23	Ohio State	Pavilion	2:30 p.m.
Mar. 8-9	Big Ten's	Home	All Day
Mar. 20-22	NCAA's	Cedar Falls, Iowa	All Day

Bold indicates home meets

No. 3 IOWA STATE NEXT FOR WRESTLERS:

The sixth-ranked University of Minnesota wrestling team hosts the third-ranked Iowa State Cyclones in a dual meet Saturday, Jan. 4 in Williams Arena at 7:30 p.m.

THE RECORDS: Minnesota enters the Iowa State match with a 6-0 overall record and 1-0 mark in the Big Ten.

Iowa State enters the match fresh off a fourth-place finish at the Midlands Championships. The Cyclones are ?-?

THE COACH: Minnesota's J Robinson (Oklahoma State, '69) is currently in his 11th year at Gold Country. He has guided the Golden Gophers to a 136-70-3 record and two runner-up Big Ten finishes. Robinson has coached 10 Big Ten champs and 23 NCAA All-Americans. He is 6-0 in 1996-97.

GOPHER PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP VS. IOWA STATE:

Weight	Wrestler	Record (Overall, Dual)
118	No. 5 Brandon Paulson	12-1, 3-1
126	Ty Friederichs	10-6, 3-1
134	Nick Antila	11-4, 2-0
142	No. 2 Jason Davids	15-1, 5-0
150	No. 4 Chad Kraft	11-0, 5-0
158	Josh Holiday	12-4, 4-0
167	No. 4 Zac Taylor	9-0, 5-0
177	Brandon Eggum	9-0, 5-0
190	No. 7 Tim Hartung	13-0, 5-0
HWT	Shelton Benjamin	13-4, 2-2

CYCLONE PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP VS. MINNESOTA:

Weight	Wrestler	Record (Overall, Dual)
118	Cody Sanderson	15-6, 0-1
126	Eric Keller	4-2, 0-0
134	No. 1 Dwight Hinson*	16-2, 0-1
142	David Maldonado	19-8, 1-0
150	No. 2 Chris Bono	16-2, 0-1
158	John DeLeon	7-8, 0-0
167	No. 12 Bart Horton	13-5, 1-0
177	No. 3 Barry Weldon	13-1, 1-0
190	No. 9 Matt Mulvihill	12-6, 0-1
HWT	Trent Hynek	11-6, 1-0

* Hinson is ranked No. 1 at 126

WRESTLERS DOMINATE CLARION DUALS AND S. CONNECTICUT STATE: The University of Minnesota wrestling team posted a 4-0 record on their recent trip to the Clarion Duals and Southern Connecticut State.

The Gophers defeated Ohio University (39-4), Clarion (34-9) and Rider (27-12) on Dec. 15. The Golden Gophers traveled to Division II Southern Connecticut State on Dec. 17 and posted an easy 46-6 victory.

12/15/96 MINNESOTA 39, OHIO UNIVERSITY 4

- 118 - Paulson (M) pinned Rainey, 1:11
- 126 - Friederichs (M) pinned Noble, 5:14
- 134 - Marr (M) dec. Enright, 5-1
- 142 - Davids (M) pinned Stratton, 2:07
- 150 - Kraft (M) maj. dec. Kaiser, 12-4
- 158 - Gardner (OU) maj. dec. De. Berger, 15-5
- 167 - Taylor (M) maj. dec. Kaiser, 14-1
- 177 - Eggum (M) dec. Heffernan, 10-3
- 190 - Hartung (M) maj. dec. Auerbach, 17-6
- HWT - Benjamin (M) dec. Guttridge, 5-3

12/15/96 MINNESOTA 34, CLARION 9

118 - Thomas (C) dec. Paulson, 8-4
126 - Angle (C) dec. Friederichs, 8-2
134 - Marr (M) inj. def. Marshall
142 - Davids (M) maj. dec. Tomeo, 15-7
150 - Kraft (M) dec. Clark, 5-3
158 - Holiday (M) dec. Harris, 5-4
167 - Taylor (M) pinned Mitchell, 0:19
177 - Eggum (M) won by forfeit
190 - Hartung (M) pinned Shirey, 1:27
HWT - Stout (C) dec. Benjamin (M), 10-3

12/15/96 MINNESOTA 27, RIDER 12

118 - Carvalheira (RU) won by forfeit
126 - Friederichs (M) dec. Kessler, 8-7
134 - Marr (M) dec. Nace, 6-3
142 - Dunn (RU) pinned Antila, 5:33
150 - Davids (M) maj. dec. Florence, 13-5
158 - Holiday (M) dec Dolan, 12-5
167 - Taylor (M) dec. Liott, 14-7
177 - Eggum (M) dec. Giel, 4-2
190 - Hartung (M) maj. dec. Henson, 10-1
HWT - Benjamin (M) maj. dec. Klein, 12-4

12/17/96 MINNESOTA 46, S. CONN. STATE 6

118 - Moore (SC) by forfeit
126 - Golyer (M) dec. Bartlett, 16-4
134 - Antila (M) dec. Howland, 3-1
142 - Davids (M) pinned Delfin, 0:55
150 - Kraft (M) pinned Sleiman, 1:02
158 - Holiday (M) dec. Calvert, 24-8
167 - Taylor (M) by forfeit
177 - De. Berger (M) dec. Kraimer, 15-0
190 - Dodd (M) by forfeit
HWT - Boeshans (M) dec. O'Neill (SC) 21-11

FOUR GOPHERS REMAIN UNBEATEN:

CHAD KRAFT (So., 150, Lakefield, Minn.), **ZAC TAYLOR** (Jr., 167, Sandpoint, Idaho), **BRANDON EGGUM** (Fr., 177, Sidney, Mont.) and **TIM HARTUNG** (So., 190, Durand, Wis.) are the four Gophers who remain undefeated.

Kraft is 11-0 with six pins, Taylor is 9-0 with three pins, Eggum is 9-0 with one pin and Hartung is 13-0 with six pins.

DID YOU KNOW?: The Gophers have recorded 64 pins in 239 individual wins this season. The Gophers recorded 68 pins in 394 individual wins last season.

DAVIDS LEADS WAY WITH NO. 2 RANKING:

JASON DAVIDS (Jr., 142, Forest Lake, Minn.), **TROY MARR** (So., 134, Wyoming, Minn.), Kraft (150), Paulson (118), Taylor (167), and Hartung are all currently ranked in the top 10 in their respective weight classes.

Davids is ranked No. 2 with a 15-1 record, Kraft is fourth at 150 with an 11-0 mark, Taylor is fourth at 167 with a 9-0 record, Paulson is 12-1 and ranked fifth at 118, Hartung is 13-0 and ranked seventh at 190 and Marr is 15-4 and ranked 10th at 134.

GOPHERS RANKED SIXTH IN LATEST

POLL: The Golden Gophers are ranked sixth in the Dec. 18, 1996, Amateur Wrestling News/National Wrestling Coaches Association poll.

1. Iowa275
2. Oklahoma State264
3. **Iowa State248**
4. Penn State242
5. Illinois222
6. **Minnesota221**
7. Michigan State213
8. Michigan196
9. CS Bakersfield185
10. Lock Haven146
- Oklahoma146
12. Edinboro130
13. Nebraska126
14. Indiana124
15. Rider123
16. Arizona State116
17. Clarion99
- Pennsylvania99
19. Fresno State86
20. Pittsburgh61
21. Purdue53
22. West Virginia47
23. Cornell36
24. Wisconsin31
25. Oregon State29



TRACK AND FIELD

1997 TRACK & FIELD SCHEDULE

Indoor Track & Field			
DATE	MEET	PLACE	RESULT/TIME
Jan. 4	Early Bird Open	UM Fieldhouse	11 a.m.
Jan. 11	Norwest Open	UM Fieldhouse	9:30 a.m.
Jan. 18	Badger Track Classic	Madison, Wis.	TBA
Jan. 25	Minnesota Invite	UM Fieldhouse	TBA
	Manitoba, Drake, Marquette, Iowa		
Jan 31	Mercantile Bank Invite	Cedar Falls, Iowa	TBA
Feb. 7-8	Iowa State Invitational	Ames, Iowa	TBA
Feb. 8	Indianapolis Invitational	Indianapolis, Ind.	TBA
Feb. 14	Snowshoe Open	UM Fieldhouse	6 p.m.
Feb. 22-23	Big Ten Indoor Champ.	Iowa City, Iowa	TBA
Feb. 28	NCAA Qualifying Meet	Ames, Iowa	TBA
Mar. 7-8	NCAA Indoor Champ.	Indianapolis, Ind.	TBA
Outdoor Track & Field			
Mar. 28-29	Florida Relays	Gainesville, Fla.	TBA
Apr. 4-5	Texas Relays	Austin, Texas	TBA
Apr. 5	Cyclone Open	Ames, Iowa	TBA
Apr. 11-12	Sea Ray Relays	Knoxville, Tenn.	TBA
Apr. 19	Hawkeye Invitational	Iowa City, Iowa	TBA
Apr. 25-26	Drake Relays	Des Moines, Iowa	TBA
May 3	TBA	Bierman Field	TBA
May 4	Jesse Owens	Columbus, Ohio	TBA
May 10	Minnesota Invitational	Bierman Field	9 a.m.
May 17	Minnesota Last Chance	Bierman Field	TBA
May 23-24	Big Ten Outdoor Champ.	Champaign, Ill.	TBA
June 4-7	NCAA Outdoor Champ.	Bloomington, Ind.	TBA

TRACK AND FIELD OPENS 1997 INDOOR SEASON:

The Golden Gopher track and field team will open its 1997 indoor season on Saturday, Jan. 4, when the Gophers host the Early Bird Open at the U of M Fieldhouse at 11 a.m.

1997 TRACK AND FIELD PREVIEW: The goal of every track and field is to improve every year. This year is no different for head track and field coach Phil Lundin and his Golden Gophers. Minnesota posted a runner-up finish at the Big Ten Outdoor Championships and surprised with a third-place showing at the Big Ten Indoors. Lundin, who begins his second season at the helm, thinks his team can improve in 1997.

"We have the possibilities of improving our standing in the Big Ten meets," said Lundin. "This year we have a better team in regards to overall team strength. Most events are going to be represented with some people who can be competitive at the Big Ten level."

The Golden Gophers will improve immediately with the return of senior pole vaulter **TYE HARVEY** (Jamestown, Calif.) and sophomore decathlete **BENJAMIN JENSEN** (Mandal, Norway). Harvey, who earned All-America status at the 1995 NCAA Outdoor Championships, redshirted last season due to a shoulder injury. Jensen underwent emergency appendectomy surgery three weeks after he automatically qualified for the NCAA Championships and set an U of M decathlete record at the '95 Sea Ray Relays. The injury caused Jensen to miss the Big Ten Outdoors. Both athletes ready to

contribute this year.

"Harvey and Jensen are two of the best athletes in the U.S. in their respective events," said Lundin. "Having these two guys back is exciting. They'll make us much more competitive."

Harvey, Jensen and sophomore **VESA RANTANEN** (Virrat, Finland) make the pole vault the Golden Gophers' strongest position. Rantanen won the Big Ten Outdoors with a U of M freshman record vault of 17-10 1/4. He also placed 10th at the NCAA Championships. Backing up the "big three" will be senior tri-captain **SETH MISCHKE** (Worland, Wyo.) and junior **JONATHAN ANDERSON** (Morris, Minn.). Mischke has vaulted 17-0, and Anderson finished sixth at the Big Ten Outdoors. The addition of freshmen **MIKE BROCKWELL** (Edina, Minn.) and **MATT MCKENZIE** (Mosinee, Wis.) add depth. Brockwell holds the Minnesota state high school record with a vault of 15-6, while McKenzie is a 16-0 vaulter.

"The pole vault is probably our strongest area," said Lundin. "Our depth will make us better as a team."

The area of immediate concern that has improved is the distance running. With the arrival of new coach Steve Plasencia, the Golden Gophers have plenty to be excited about. Plasencia was a five-time All-American at the U of M and a two-time Olympian. His coaching and expertise will help returning senior captain **RICK OBLEMAN** (Regina, Saskatchewan) and junior **TONY RITER** (Shoreview, Minn.) lead a corps of inexperienced freshmen. Obleman and Riter finished third and fifth in the 3,000m Steeplechase at the Big Ten Outdoor Championships last season. The top newcomers include **JEREMY POLSON** (Duluth, Minn.) and **ERIC HARTMARK** (Duluth, Minn.). Polson won the 3,200m Minnesota State Cross Country Championship, and Hartmark was an all-state performer and top 800m runner.

"We have a number of new youth coming in, and with the addition of coach Plasencia, our distance running will have some success," said Lundin.

Senior captain **JASON SCHLUETER** (New London, Wis.) leads a solid group of throwers. Schlueter claimed the discus title at the Big Ten Outdoors and finished 18th at the NAAs. Juniors **CHAD YENCHESKY** (DePere, Wis.) and **JEFF MARSH** (Seymour, Wis.) were also placemen at Big Tens a season ago. Sophomore **ADAM REED** (Milwaukee, Wis.) returns with freshmen **JUSTIN ASHER** (Plymouth, Minn.) and **MARK FAHEY** (Scandia, Minn.), both of whom have potential, according to Lundin.

The Golden Gophers have built a strong foundation for success with their group of decathletes. With the return of Jensen, sophomore **GLENN LINDQVIST** (Aland, Finland) and Mischke, the team should do some heavy damage at the conference championships. Lindqvist placed fifth in the heptathlon and decathlon at the conference championships, while Mischke was the model of consistency last season. Anderson and newcomer McKenzie could draw attention.

"We're very strong and deep in the decathlon," said Lundin. "These guys will score us points at the Big Tens if they stay healthy."

Returning high jumpers **TYLER McCORMICK** (So., White Bear Lake, Minn.) and **WIL KURTH** (Jr., Rochester, Minn.) will aim to keep the Golden Gophers strong in the high

jump. McCormick (fourth) and Kurth (seventh) both placed at the Big Ten Outdoors. Minnesota added freshmen **STAFFAND STRAND** (Upplands-Vasby, Sweden), who claimed the Swedish National Championship with a jump of 7-5 1/2, and **MARC JOHANNSEN** (Fr., Miller, S.D.), who could be one of the best high jumpers in Gopher history.

"I'm excited about the high jump," said Lundin. "The position could be one of our strongest."

The Golden Gophers return sophomore **MARCUS WESTBERRY** (So., Minneapolis, Minn.) in the vertical jumps and the triple jump. Westberry finished eighth in the long jump at the Big Ten Outdoors despite struggling all season.

"Marcus could be one of the better horizontal jumpers we've had here at Minnesota," said Lundin. "He has a lot of talent and could be very strong."

Freshman newcomer **ADAM FREED** (Proctor, Minn.) will be counted on to contribute in the long jump. Freed won the 1995 Minnesota state long jump with a leap of 23-8.

Although Minnesota lost sprinter Chris Darkins to graduation, coach Lundin believes senior **TIM VAN VOORHIS** (Sr., Apple Valley, Minn.) will pick up the slack left by the talented Darkins. Van Voorhis finished eighth in the 100m and 200m at the Big Ten Outdoors. Junior **NILES DENEEN** (St. Paul, Minn.) is back as the top Gopher hurdler. Deneen has looked strong in the offseason and should improve in 1997.

Junior **SCOTT BEADLE** (Moorhead, Minn.) will continue to score points for the Gophers in the middle sprints. Beadle placed third in the 600m at the Big Ten Indoors and finished fifth in the 400m at the Big Ten Outdoors. He is one of the most consistent Gophers on this year's roster.

Freshman **JASON OWEN** (Stewartville, Minn.) hopes to fill the shoes of departed All-American Paul Michalek in the 800m. Owen is currently ranked ninth internationally in the event. He'll also run the 400m and 1,600m at Minnesota.

"We need to stay healthy to be successful this season," said Lundin. "We need the continuity of the training process, and our athletes need a fresh state of mind when it comes down to the big meets."



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Tues., Jan. 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Tennis at Milwaukee Classic Milwaukee, Wis. All Day 	Fri., Jan. 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Tennis at Milwaukee Classic Milwaukee, Wis. All Day ☐ Wrestling vs. Nebraska Sports Pavilion 7:30 p.m.
Wed., Jan. 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Basketball at Northwestern Evanston, Ill. MSC (live) WCCO Radio (830) 7 p.m. ☐ Tennis at Milwaukee Classic Milwaukee, Wis. All Day 	Sat., Jan. 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Basketball at Penn State University Park, Pa. MSC (live) WCCO Radio (830) 11:15 a.m. ☐ Gymnastics Alumni Meet Sports Pavilion 1 p.m. ☐ Swim/Dive Gold Country Invitational Aquatic Center 11 a.m. ☐ Tennis at Milwaukee Classic Milwaukee, Wis. All Day ☐ Track/Field Northwest Open U of M Fieldhouse 9 a.m.
Thurs., Jan. 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Tennis at Milwaukee Classic Milwaukee, Wis. All Day 		
Fri., Jan. 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Swim/Dive vs. Northwestern Aquatic Center 6 p.m. 		

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Head Basketball Coach **Clem Haskins'** media luncheon

GYMNASTICS

THIS WEEK: The Golden Gophers host their annual alumni meet at the Sports Pavilion this Saturday, Jan. 10. The meet is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m.

FLASHBACK: Minnesota missed a berth to the 1997 NCAA Team Championships after its fifth-place finish at the East Regionals. Individually, **JASON KROB** (St. Charles, Mo.) and **GEORGE BEATTY** (Aberdeen, N.J.) advanced to the NCAA Championships after their fifth and eighth place finishes, respectively, on the pommel horse. Krob finished the year ranked 15th in the nation on the pommel horse.



YOUTH MOVEMENT: The Golden Gophers return eight letterwinners from a year ago. Minnesota's 17-man roster features 11 underclassmen, including seven sophomores.

WHO TO WATCH: The highest returning finishers from each event last year are:

Floor Exercise: 9.550 George Beatty, SR
9.450 Chad Conner, SO
Pommel Horse: 9.825 Jason Krob, JR
9.750 George Beatty, SR
Still Rings: 9.550 Dan Boots, JR
9.500 Lindsey Fang, SO

Vault: 9.600 Lindsey Fang, SO
9.550 George Beatty, SR
Parallel Bars: 9.750 George Beatty, SR
9.700 Chad Conner, SO
Horizontal Bars: 9.650 Dan Boots, JR
9.500 Lindsey Fang, SO
All-Around: 55.925 Lindsey Fang, SO
52.650 George Beatty, SR

COACH ROETHLISBERGER: Head Coach Fred Roethlisberger is entering his 27th year at the helm of the University of Minnesota Gymnastics program. Roethlisberger has led his team to 11 Big Ten Championships during his tenure.

SENIOR LEADERSHIP: Senior co-captains **BOB HUBBARD** (Phoenix, Ariz.) and Beatty will be counted on to lead the young Golden Gopher squad this season. The three-year letterwinners, along with **MICHAEL MAMAKOS** (Huntington, N.Y./UCLA), are the only seniors on this year's roster.

SCOREBOARD

1998 MEN'S GYMNASTICS SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Site
Jan. 10	Alumni Meet	Sports Pavilion
Jan. 17	Windy City Invitational	Chicago, Ill.
Jan. 31	Ohio State	Columbus, Ohio
Feb. 7	Illinois	Sports Pavilion
Feb. 13	Michigan State	East Lansing, Mich.
Feb. 14	Michigan	Ann Arbor, Mich.
Feb. 27	Nebraska	Sports Pavilion
Mar. 1	Iowa	Sports Pavilion
Mar. 7	Illinois-Chicago	Sports Pavilion
Mar. 20-21	Big Ten Championships	Ann Arbor, Mich.
April 4	NCAA East Regionals	Amherst, Mass.
April 16-18	NCAA Championships	University Park, Pa.

GOPHER FLASHES

SEASON OPENER: The Golden Gophers open their 1998 season at the Windy City Invitational in Chicago, Ill., Jan. 17. Sophomore **LINDSEY FANG** (Allentown, Pa.) captured 18th place in the all-around in his very first collegiate meet as Minnesota finished seventh at last year's event.

BIG TEN OPENER: Minnesota travels to Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 31., to face perennial power Ohio State. Last season against the 1997 Big Ten champions, the Golden Gophers were narrowly defeated by a score of 228.725-228.50.

NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS: The Golden Gophers are looking to get back to the NCAA Championships in University Park, Pa., April 16-18, for the first time since 1993. The NCAA East Regionals are set for April 4 in Amherst, Mass.

SWIMMING & DIVING

THIS WEEK: The Golden Gophers swim against Northwestern, Friday, Jan. 9, at 6 p.m., at the Aquatic Center, and will host the Gold Country Invitational Saturday, Jan. 10, at 11 a.m.

WHO TO WATCH: Freshman **ALEX MASSURA** (Belo Horizonte, Brazil) has made a splash in his first season as a Golden Gopher. The former Olympian leads the team in three events: the 200 freestyle, 100 backstroke and 200 backstroke. He already has swum NCAA consideration standards in both backstrokes.

Going the distance and then some is sophomore All-American **BILL BISHOP** (Barrington, Ill.). Bishop leads the Maroon and Gold in four events, the most of any swimmer. He holds the team's quickest times in the 500 freestyle (4:29.15), 1000 freestyle (9:21.53), 1650 freestyle (15:29.78) and 400 individual medley (3:56.77).

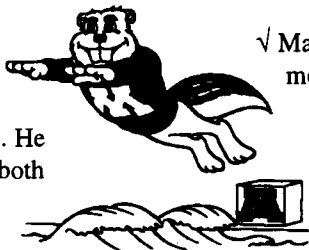
LAST OUTING AGAINST NORTHWESTERN:

Minnesota swam against the Wildcats while in Hawaii on the team's December training trip in an exhibition meet. The Golden Gophers and Wildcats last competed for record against one another Jan. 18, 1997 in Evanston, Ill. The Maroon and Gold

came away with the 181.5-116.5 win.

TID BITS:

√ The 400 freestyle relay team of seniors **TY BATHURST** (Albuquerque, N.M.), and **JEREMY RIENTS** (Apple Valley, Minn.), junior **LUIS LOPEZ** (Aurora, Colo.) and Massura swam the nation's fastest time this season when the group won the event at the Minnesota Invitational (Nov. 21-23) with an NCAA consideration time of 2:59.74



√ Massura has competed in seven events this year, the most of any U of M swimmer

√ Two-time high school All-American and 1997 High School Diver of the Year **DAN CROASTON** (Champlin Park, Minn.) has been the Maroon and Gold's top diver this season, winning at least once on every board (one-meter, three-meter and platform)

SCOREBOARD

OVERALL RECORD: 2-1; BIG TEN RECORD: 0-1
TOP INDIVIDUAL EVENT TIMES
(1997-98)

50 FREE — 20.38, Ty Bathurst (1st, Minn. Invite)
100 FREE — 45.16, Ty Bathurst (1st, Minn. Invite)
200 FREE — 1:39.52*, Alex Massura (1st, at Iowa)
500 FREE — 4:29.15, Bill Bishop (exb., Minn. Invite)
1000 FREE — 9:21.53, Bill Bishop (1st, vs. UNC)
1650 FREE — 15:29.78, Bill Bishop (1st, Minn. Invite)
100 BACK — 48.88#*, Alex Massura (1st, vs. UNC)
200 BACK — 1:45.53#*, Alex Massura (1st, Minn. Invite)
100 BREAST — 55.79*, Ty Bathurst (1st, Minn. Invite)
200 BREAST — 2:03.90, Chris Wood (1st, vs. UNC)
100 FLY — 48.54, Martin Zielinski (1st, Minn. Invite)
200 FLY — 1:50.07, Martin Zielinski (1st, Minn. Invite)
200 IM — 1:51.40, Jono McLeod (1st, Minn. Invite)
400 IM — 3:56.77, Bill Bishop (1st, Minn. Invite)

* personal best

+ Minnesota Varsity Record

Minnesota Freshman Record

GOPHER FLASHES

INTO THE FUTURE: After this weekend's competition, the Golden Gophers will compete at the Nebraska Triangular in Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 23-24.

BIG TEN BYPASS: Friday's meet with Northwestern, the Triple Duals against Purdue and Wisconsin Jan. 30-31, and the season-opening loss to Iowa will be the only head-to-head Big Ten competition Minnesota sees before hosting the conference championships, Feb. 26-28, at the Aquatic Center.

LAST ACTION: The Golden Gophers defeated Hawaii, 133-60, in Honolulu Dec. 19. Minnesota took eight of 11 events with eight different event winners.

THE SCOOP: A new addition to the Minnesota staff is volunteer Assistant Coach Jack Pettinger. Pettinger spent 24 years as the head coach of the successful University of Wisconsin swimming and diving team.

WRESTLING

THIS WEEK: The No. 3 Golden Gophers, now 8-0 on the season, take on the No. 7 Nebraska Cornhuskers Friday in their first home dual action since Dec. 4 when Minnesota shut out Mankato State 38-0. Action begins Friday in the Sports Pavilion at 5:30 p.m. with a high school dual meet between Hastings H.S. and Eden Prairie H.S., and the Golden Gophers' match will follow at 7:30 p.m.

Minnesota is 17-9 in the all-time series vs. the Cornhuskers. The Golden Gophers scored their last victory over the Huskers last season in Lincoln, Neb., 29-12.

PROBABLE LINEUP VS. NEBRASKA:

- 118 — **BRETT LAWRENCE** (Fr., Sandpoint, Idaho)
- 126 — **BART GOLYER** (Jr., Cedar, Minn.)
- 134 — **PAT CONNORS** (Jr., Longview, Wash.)
- 142 — **JASON DAVIDS** (Sr., Forest Lake, Minn.)
- 150 — **CHAD KRAFT** (Jr., Lakefield, Minn.)
- 158 — **JOSH HOLIDAY** (Jr., Anaheim, Calif.)
- 167 — **ZAC TAYLOR** (Sr., Sandpoint, Idaho)
- 177 — **BRANDON EGGUM** (So., Sidney, Mont.)
- 190 — **TIM HARTUNG** (Jr., Durand, Wis.)
- Hwt — **SHELTON BENJAMIN** (Sr., Orangeburg, S.C.)



Minnesota's wrestlers have won 28 matches by pinning their opponents, including a remarkable eight wins by fall in a 57-0 win over Truman State (12/5/97). Last year through eight duals, Minnesota had only recorded 13 match wins by pin. Junior **TIM HARTUNG** (Durand, Wis.) is the team leader with six pins in dual meets. Senior **JASON DAVIDS** (Forest Lake, Minn.) is second with five. Hartung is also the overall team leader with 13 pins overall, and Davids is second with 12.

SUPER START: Five Golden Gophers are still undefeated this season, led by Davids who is 19-0 overall and 8-0 in dual meet action. Hartung and sophomore **BRANDON EGGUM** (Sidney, Mont.) are both 16-0 overall and 8-0 in dual action. Junior **JOSH HOLIDAY** (Anaheim, Calif.) is 15-0 (6-0 dual), and junior **CHAD KRAFT** (Lakefield, Minn.) is 7-0 (6-0 in dual meets). In addition, senior **ZAC TAYLOR** (Sandpoint, Idaho) has lost just once this season and is 18-1 overall (7-0 in dual meets).

SUPER START, PART II: The Golden Gophers are 3-0 vs. ranked opponents this season. Minnesota defeated No. 24 Fresno State, 45-3, and No. 19 Cal-State Bakersfield, 39-10, in California, Dec. 14. The Maroon and Gold most recently knocked off No. 6 Iowa State, 20-15, Sun., Jan. 4. next up on the chopping block is No. 7 Nebraska, which the Golden Gophers face Friday.

more wrestling on next page

PIN CITY: Through eight dual meets this season,

SCOREBOARD

TOP INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

Wt.	Name	Overall	Total	Dual	Big Ten	Pins
118	Brett Lawrence	11-3	11-3	6-2	0-0	1
	Leroy Vega	11-2	11-2	0-0	0-0	1
	Julio Alaniz	6-4	6-4	0-0	0-0	0
126	Bart Golyer	16-1	15-1	5-0	0-0	3
	Pat Connors	14-2	6-2	2-1	0-0	3
134	Chad Erikson	12-2	12-2	0-0	0-0	4
	Ty Friederichs	11-7	11-7	0-0	0-0	1
	Pat Connors		8-0	4-0	0-0	3
	Bart Golyer		1-0	1-0	0-0	0
	Josh Krebs	11-6	11-6	2-1	0-0	3
	Troy Marr	12-3	4-1	0-0	0-0	2
142	Jason Davids	19-0	19-0	8-0	0-0	12
	Joe Calavitta	9-2	9-2	0-0	0-0	2
	Troy Marr		15-2	0-0	0-0	0
150	Chad Kraft	7-0	7-0	6-0	0-0	2
	Brad Pike	15-4	15-4	0-1	0-0	3
	Eddie Pak	5-6	5-6	0-0	0-0	0
	Troy Marr		0-1	0-1	0-0	0
158	Tim Kinsella	14-2	14-2	1-0	0-0	1
	Jesse Krebs	6-5	6-5	0-1	0-0	0
	Josh Holiday	15-0	15-0	6-0	0-0	4
	Delaney Berger	15-1	15-1	2-0	0-0	2
167	Zac Taylor	18-1	18-1	6-0	0-0	6
	Mike Cuperus	14-2	14-2	0-0	0-0	5
	Matt Kraft	7-2	7-2	0-0	0-0	0
	Brandon Eggum	16-0	16-0	8-0	0-0	5
177	Kenneth Howard	3-3	3-3	0-0	0-0	1
	Tim Hartung	16-0	16-0	8-0	0-0	13
190	Owen Elzen	7-4	7-4	0-0	0-0	4
	HWT Shelton Benjamin	16-3	16-3	4-2	0-0	5
	Brent Boeshans	13-4	13-4	2-0	0-0	1

GOPHER FLASHES

LATEST RANKINGS: The University of Minnesota wrestling team is ranked third in the nation in the Intermat/W.I.N. national poll released Jan. 2, 1998. The Golden Gophers trail only Oklahoma State and Iowa in the team rankings.

Individually, two-time All-Americans **JASON DAVIDS** and **CHAD KRAFT** are the top-ranked wrestlers in their weight classes. Davids is ranked first at 142 lbs. after placing third at the 1997 NCAA Championships. Kraft, a junior from Lakefield, Minn., is the top ranked wrestler at 150 after his third-place showing at the NCAA meet. Defending Big Ten champion and 1997 All-America selection **TIM HARTUNG** is ranked second at 190.

Other ranked Minnesota wrestlers include senior All-American **SHELTON BENJAMIN** who is third at heavyweight, senior **ZAC TAYLOR** who is ranked sixth at 167, junior All-American **PAT CONNORS** who is seventh at 126, junior **TROY MARR** who is the 10th-ranked wrestler at 134, junior **JOSH HOLIDAY** who is seventh at 158 pounds and sophomore **BRANDON EGGUM** who is fifth at 177 pounds. Freshman **BRETT LAWRENCE** also made his first appearance in the rankings on Jan. 2 and is currently listed as the nation's 17th-ranked wrestler at 118.

WRESTLING

STREAKSTERS: With the 20-15 victory over Iowa State Sunday, the Golden Gophers have won eight straight dual meets this season. In a streak going back to last season, the Golden Gophers have won 13 straight dual meets and 17 of their last 20. In fact, Minnesota has not lost a dual meet since Oklahoma State defeated Minnesota 26-10 last Jan. 31 in Stillwater, Okla.

IOWA STATE 20-15: The Golden Gophers won their eighth consecutive dual meet of the season with a 20-15 victory over Iowa State Sunday in Ames, Iowa.

Top-ranked Davids (142) recorded his 19th victory of the season with a 16-7 major decision over Iowa State's Cole Sanderson, who is ranked fifth at 118. Second-ranked Hartung (190) and No. 5 Eggum (177) moved to 16-0 overall with victories over No. 9 Zach Thompson and Matt Mulvihill, respectively. No. 7 Holiday improved to 15-0 with his 5-2 over Iowa State's Ben Schwab at 158 pounds, and No. 7 Zac Taylor got his 15th straight match victory with a 15-4 major decision over Ben Perkins at 167 to move to 18-1 on the season.

MINNESOTA SIXTH AT GREAT PLAINS

OPEN: Several Minnesota wrestlers also traveled to the Great Plains Open in Lincoln, Neb., this weekend and propelled the Golden Gophers to a sixth-place finish. Sophomores **DELANEY BERGER** (Mandan, N.D.) and **BRENT BOESHANS** (Beulah, N.D.) each won titles for the Golden Gophers. Berger took his second individual crown of the year at 167 pounds with a 5-0 record at the tournament. Earlier this season, he took first at the Bison Open. Boeshans won at heavyweight with a 4-0 record. Junior **TROY MARR** (Wyoming, Minn.) took third at 142 pounds, wrestling back from a loss in his first match to a 7-1 record on the day.

Minnesota at Iowa State

Sunday, Jan. 4 • Ames, Iowa

- 118 - Cody Sanderson (ISU) dec. Brett Lawrence (Minn.) 13-2
- 126 - Dwight Hinson (ISU) dec. Pat Connors (Minn.) 7-4
- 134 - Bart Golyer (Minn.) dec. Frank Kinsley (ISU) 7-2
- 142 - Jason Davids (Minn.) dec. Cole Sanderson (ISU) 16-7
- 150 - David Maldonado (ISU) tech. fall over Brad Pike (Minn.) 22-7 (5:48)
- 158 - Josh Holiday (Minn.) dec. Ben Schwab (ISU) 5-2
- 167 - Zac Taylor (Minn.) maj. dec. Ben Perkins (ISU) 15-4
- 177 - Brandon Eggum (Minn.) dec. Matt Mulvihill (ISU) 7-5
- 190 - Tim Hartung (Minn.) dec. Zach Thompson (ISU) 5-0
- HWT - Trent Hynek (ISU) dec. Shelton Benjamin (Minn.) 10-9

TRACK & FIELD

THIS WEEK: The Golden Gopher track and field team begins its 1998 indoor season hosting the Northwest Open, Saturday, Jan. 10, at the University of Minnesota Fieldhouse.

WHO TO WATCH: Minnesota returns four All-Americans from last year's indoor and outdoor teams in senior **TYE HARVEY** (Jamestown, Calif.), juniors **BENJAMIN JENSEN** (Mandal, Norway), and **VESA RANTANEN** (Virrat, Finland), sophomore **STAFFAN STRAND** (Uppsland-Vasby, Sweden). Between the four are 11 school records, six Big Ten Championships, six All-America certificates and four All-Big Ten honors.

Jensen is a returning Big Ten Champion heptathlete, while Rantanen and Harvey are both champion pole vaulters. Strand will lead a group of jumpers after winning Big Ten Freshman of the Year honors last season as a result of winning the Big Ten Indoor and Outdoor high jump championships.

Four Golden Gophers return to bolster the middle distance contingent, while **RICK OBLEMAN** (Regina, Saskatchewan) leads the distance corps and **NILES DENEEN** (St. Paul, Minn.) is the top returning hurdler.

The throws unit will be carried by senior **CHAD YENCHESKY** (DePere, Wis.) and junior **JEFF MARSH** who both were

placewinners at the Big Ten Championships.

QUICK FACTS: The following is a quick breakdown of what Minnesota brings into this season:

√ Finished third at the Big Ten Indoor Championships in 1997, with three individual champions and 17 placewinners. Strand won the high jump, Harvey won the vault and Jensen won the heptathlon

√ 26 letterwinners return for the Golden Gophers, while only three are lost. Minnesota is without discus All-American **Jason Schlueter**, decathlete **Seth Mischke** and hurdler **Aaron Wheatcraft** who each made significant contributions to the team last season

√ Head Coach Phil Lundin returns for his third stint as the mentor of the track and field program.

Under Lundin, Minnesota has developed seven All-Americans, 11 Big Ten Champions and 12 Academic All-Big Ten selections.

√ Minnesota finished in a tie for 10th place at the NCAA Indoor Championships last season

IN THE POLLS: Minnesota finished the 1997 campaign tied for 20th in the final national ranking by the USTCA.



SCOREBOARD

TOP INDOOR PERFORMANCES FROM 1997

55m Dash -- Tim Van Voorhis, 6.47
55m High Hurdles -- Niles Deneen, 7.47\$
600m Hurdles -- Niles Deneen, 8.01\$
200m Dash -- Tim Van Voorhis, 22.29
400m Dash -- Adam Freed, 48.21
600m Dash -- Scott Beadle, 1:21.02
800m Run -- Jason Owen, 1:52.24
Mile Run -- Jason Owen, 4:18.70\$
3,000m Run -- Tony Riter, 8:30.45\$
5,000m Run -- Eric Hartmark, 15:26.2\$
High Jump -- Staffan Strand, 7-5&#!*\$
Pole Vault -- Tye Harvey, 18-2 1/2&#!*\$
Long Jump -- Staffan Strand, 22-7 3/4
Triple Jump -- Marcus Westberry, 48-7 1/4
Shot Put -- Chad Yenchesky, 58-7 1/4*\$
Pentathlon -- Jon Anderson, 2,597
Heptathlon -- Benjamin Jensen, 5,648%&\$

Key:

* NCAA Provisional

! NCAA Automatic

& Minnesota School Record

% Big Ten Record

\$ Personal Best

U of M Freshman Record

GOPHER FLASHES

INTO THE FUTURE: Minnesota will travel to the Badger Classic in Madison, Wis., January 17, before hosting the Minnesota Invitational January 24.

LAST ACTION: The Golden Gophers competed in an informal warm up, the Early Bird Classic, Saturday, Jan. 3 at the U of M Fieldhouse. The open meet was not scored and no times or performances were recorded.

THE SCOOP: Minnesota's track and field team will host an alumni reunion in conjunction with the Minnesota Invitational Saturday, Jan. 24. Food and fun will be served at the U of M Fieldhouse. More details are to follow.

TENNIS

THIS WEEK: Minnesota travels to Milwaukee, Wis., for the Milwaukee Classic, Tuesday through Saturday, Jan. 6-10. It is the final tournament action for the Golden Gophers before the Big Ten Singles Championships and Big Ten Tournament, as the winter and spring schedule brings forth team play.

WHO TO WATCH: Junior **TOM CHICOINE**

(Neenah, Wis.) will try to guide the youthful Golden Gophers to their fifth Big Ten Championship in the 1990s. Chicoine is the U of M's No. 1 singles player and finished the fall with a sterling 11-4 record, while capturing the Seminole Fall Tennis Classic title.

The No. 2 doubles team of sophomore captain **MARTIN MICHALOWSKI** (Ottawa, Ontario) and freshman **TYSON PARRY** (Chatham, Ontario) capped off the fall with the team's best doubles record at 11-3. The pair won three championships during the fall season.

THE LINEUP: The probable starting lineup for the Golden Gophers is as follows:

- No. 1 Tom Chicoine
- No. 2 Adam Selkirk
- No. 3 Martin Michalowski
- No. 4 Jorge Duenas
- No. 5 Tyson Parry
- No. 6 Jon Svensson

Doubles

- No. 1 Chicoine/Duenas
- No. 2 Michalowski/Parry
- No. 3 Selkirk/Svensson

COURT NOTES:

√ The squad has no seniors and only three juniors. On a roster of 10 players, there are five newcomers and four freshman

√ Minnesota is coming off a 12-14 season last year, finishing third in the conference and advancing to the NCAA Regional finals.



√ Two players on the squad are Minnesotans, **AARON DVORAK** (Bloomington) and **VOKE OKOH** (Plymouth [Nigeria]). In the geographically diverse group there are two other players from the U.S. (Chicoine-Wisconsin and Selkirk-Missouri), two players from Canada (Michalowski-Ottawa and Parry-Chatham), one player from Norway (**MARTIN KRISTOFFERSEN**-Portsgrunn), one from the Dominican Republic (**JORGE DUENAS**-Santo Domingo), one Brazilian (**ED MARQUES**-Brasilia) and one from Sweden (Svensson-Kristianstad).

RANKINGS: The University of Minnesota is ranked No. 48 in the nation according to the ITA's fall rankings (Dec. 9). The next rankings will not be available until midJanuary, but can be accessed through the internet at: www.tennisonline.com

SCOREBOARD

Singles	Overall	Dual	Tourn.	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6
Tom Chicoine	11-4		11-4	*					
Adam Selkirk	4-8		4-8		*				
M. Michalowski	9-5		9-5			*			
Jorge Duenas	11-5		11-5				*		
Tyson Parry	8-7		8-7					*	
Jon Svensson	6-7		6-7						*
Aaron Dvorak	2-4		2-4						
M. Kristoffersen	3-5		3-5						
Ed Marques	1-6		1-6						
Voke Okoh	0-2		0-2						

Doubles	Overall	Dual	Tourn.	#1	#2	#3
Chicoine/Duenas	5-6		5-6	*		
Michalowski/Parry	11-3		11-3		*	
Selkirk/Svensson	6-3		6-3			*
Marques/Dvorak	1-1		1-1			
Marques/Okoh	1-1		1-1			
Svensson/Kristoffersen	2-1		2-1			

* anticipated 1998 dual match lineup

GOPHER FLASHES

INTO THE FUTURE: The Golden Gophers will open up their home match season with three straight contests against New Mexico (Jan. 16), Notre Dame (Jan. 17) and Ohio State (Jan. 18). All matches will be played at the Northwest Racquet Club at 98th Street in Bloomington.

LAST ACTION: Minnesota has not competed since hosting the Ice Volleys Tournament, Nov. 8-9.

THE SCOOP: With a six-time Canadian junior champion in Tyson Parry, a No. 1 singles player from the Dominican Republic Davis Cup Team in Jorge Duenas, a top-rated Florida junior in Ed Marques and top 10 Swedish junior in Jon Svensson, Minnesota arguably has one of the best incoming classes in the Big Ten and nation.

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Gopher Hotline

The Golden Gopher Hotline features daily interviews with players and coaches. It is available to the media 24 hours a day by calling (612) 625-7887. The hotline is broadcast quality and is changed by noon each day. This service is for media use only. The schedule for this week is as follows:

Monday, January 6:

Junior wrestler **Jason Davids**

Tuesday, January 7:

Head Basketball Coach **Clem Haskins'** Media Luncheon

Wednesday, January 8:

Senior center **John Thomas**

Thursday, January 9:

Junior defenseman **Mike Crowley**

Friday, January 10:

Head Hockey Coach **Doug Woog**

Saturday, January 11 - Sunday, January 12:

Assistant Hockey Coach **Mike Guentzel's** Postgame Denver Comments

DON'T FORGET MARCH MADNESS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA...

Gold Country will host these major championships in the month of March!

March 8-9 Big Ten Wrestling
@ Williams Arena

March 13-15 WCHA Final Five
@ St. Paul Civic Center

March 22-23 Big Ten Gymnastics
@ Sports Pavilion

March 27-29 NCAA Swimming and Diving
@ U of M Aquatic Center

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This Week in Gopher Sports

Tuesday,
Jan. 7

• **Wrestling** at Nebraska Cornhuskers
Bob Devaney Sports Center
Lincoln, Neb., 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday,
Jan. 8

• **Basketball** at Indiana Hoosiers
Assembly Hall
Bloomington, Ind.
Midwest Sports Channel
WCCO-AM 830, 7 p.m.

Friday,
Jan. 10

• **Hockey** vs. Denver Pioneers
Mariucci Arena
Midwest Sports Channel
KSTP-AM 1500, 7 p.m.

• **Swimming** vs. Kansas Jayhawks
U of M Aquatic Center, 7 p.m.

• **Wrestling** vs. South Dakota State Jackrabbits
Williams Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday,
Jan. 11

• **Track** Northwest Open
U of M Fieldhouse, 9:30 a.m.

• **Swimming** Gold Country Invitational
U of M Aquatic Center, 11 a.m.

• **Gymnastics** Alumni Meet
Sports Pavilion, 1 p.m.

• **Basketball** vs. Michigan Wolverines
Williams Arena
WCCO-TV Channel 4
WCCO-AM 830, 1:30 p.m.

• **Hockey** vs. Denver Pioneers
Mariucci Arena
Midwest Sports Channel
KSTP-AM 1500, 7 p.m.



WRESTLING

1996-97 WRESTLING SCHEDULE

DATE	MEET	PLACE	SCORE/TIME
All Unattached			
Nov. 16	Bison Open	Fargo, N.D.	All Day
Nov. 23	UNO Open	Omaha, Neb.	All Day
Nov. 29	Northern Open	Madison, Wis.	All Day
Official Team Schedule			
Nov. 22	North Dakota St.	Fargo, N.D.	W, 42-3
Dec. 6	Northwestern	Williams	W, 35-3
Dec. 15	Clarion Duals	Clarion, Pa.	
		- Ohio U	W, 39-4
		- Clarion	W, 34-9
		- Rider	W, 27-12
Dec. 17	S. Connecticut St.	New Haven, Conn.	W, 46-6
Jan. 4	Iowa State	Williams	L, 16-19
Jan. 7	Nebraska	Lincoln, Neb.	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 10	South Dakota St.	Williams	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 18-19	National Duals	Lincoln, Neb.	All Day
Jan. 24	Iowa	Iowa City, Iowa	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 31	Oklahoma State	Stillwater, Okla.	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 2	Wisconsin	Williams	2:30 p.m.
Feb. 9	Penn State	Pavilion	2:30 p.m.
Feb. 15	Michigan State	East Lansing, Mich.	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 16	Michigan	Ann Arbor, Mich.	1:00 p.m.
Feb. 23	Ohio State	Pavilion	2:30 p.m.
Mar. 8-9	Big Ten's	Home	All Day
Mar. 20-22	NCAA's	Cedar Falls, Iowa	All Day

Bold indicates home meets

No. 13 NEBRASKA NEXT FOR WRESTLERS:

The sixth-ranked University of Minnesota wrestling team has two dual meets scheduled for this week. The Gophers travel to 13th-ranked Nebraska on Tuesday, Jan. 7 to duel with the Cornhuskers at 7:30 p.m. CDT. Minnesota returns home Friday, Jan. 10, for a dual against South Dakota State at 7:30 p.m. CDT in Williams Arena.

THE RECORDS: Minnesota enters the Nebraska match with a 6-1 overall record and 1-0 mark in the Big Ten.

Nebraska enters the match fresh off a first-place finish at the Great Plains Open in Lincoln, Neb. The Cornhuskers are 4-0 overall. The Cornhuskers defeated Pittsburgh (25-13), North Dakota State (21-15), West Virginia (25-12) and Ohio State (24-12).

South Dakota State is 1-1 overall. The Jackrabbits defeated Northern Colorado 28-12 and lost to Iowa 38-6. SDSU placed sixth in the Great Plains Open this past weekend.

THE COACH: Minnesota's J Robinson (Oklahoma State, '69) is currently in his 11th year at Gold Country. He has guided the Golden Gophers to a 138-71-3 record and two runner-up Big Ten finishes. Robinson has coached 10 Big Ten champions and 23 NCAA All-Americans. He is 6-1 in 1996-97.

GOPHER PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP VS. NEBRASKA:

Weight	Wrestler	Record (Overall, Dual)
118	No. 5 Brandon Paulson	13-1, 4-1
126	Ty Friederichs	10-7, 3-2
134	Pat Connors	8-2, 0-0
142	No. 2 Jason Davids	16-1, 6-0
150	No. 4 Chad Kraft	11-1, 5-1
158	Josh Holiday	13-4, 5-0
167	No. 4 Zac Taylor	9-1, 5-1
177	Brandon Eggum	9-1, 5-1
190	No. 7 Tim Hartung	14-0, 6-0
HWT	Brent Boeshans	13-5, 2-0

NEBRASKA PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP VS. MINNESOTA:

Weight	Wrestler	Record (Overall, Dual)
118	Todd Beckerman	16-4, 2-0
126	No. 11 Jeramie Welder	22-3, 4-0
134	No. 12 Brad Canoyer	21-3, 3-0
142	Allen Hankins	16-5, 2-1
150	Ryan Bauer	15-10, 1-3
158	No. 10 Jason Kraft	15-5, 3-1
167	Monte Christensen	5-3, 2-0
177	Joe Flasnick	9-9, 2-2
	or Brad Vering	3-0, 0-0
190	Scott Munson	10-9, 0-3
HWT	No. 4 Tolly Thompson	19-2, 3-0

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP VS. MINNESOTA:

Weight	Wrestler	Record (Overall, Dual)
118	Chad Wickman	10-6, 1-1
126	Adam Feldman	14-5, 1-1
134	Josh Sammons	16-5, 1-1
142	Travis King	10-3, 1-1
150	Dan Koehler	0-1, 0-0
	or Howard Fullhart	10-7, 0-0
158	Dwayne Ingalls	3-2, 1-1
167	Lance Thury	10-7, 1-1
	or Troy Risdal	9-7, 0-0
177	Jeremy Pascoe	6-1, 0-0
	or Elbert Address	10-11, 0-0
190	Bob Fullhart	9-10, 0-2
HWT	Ryan Resel	25-8, 2-0

WRESTLERS EDGED BY IOWA STATE:

The University of Minnesota wrestling team was edged this past weeked by the third-ranked Iowa State Cyclones 19-16.

The Gophers, who claimed four individual victories in the match, were led by junior **JASON DAVIDS** (Forest Lake, Minn.). Davids recorded the lone Gopher pin just 38 seconds into his match at 142 against David Maldonado. Junior **BRANDON PAULSON** (Coon Rapids, Minn.) won by major decision at 118, while sophomores **JOSH HOLIDAY** (Anaheim, Calif.) and **TIM HARTUNG** (Durand, Wis.) each posted decision victories at 158 and 177, respectively.

Sophomore **CHAD KRAFT** (150, Lakefield, Minn.), junior **ZAC TAYLOR** (167, Sandpoint, Idaho) and freshman **BRANDON EGGUM** (177, Sidney, Mont.) all suffered their first losses of the season by decision. Also losing by decision for the Gophers were freshman **TY FRIEDERICHS** (126, Maple Grove, Minn.), senior **NICK ANTILA** (134 Robbinsdale, Minn.) and junior **SHELTON BENJAMIN** (HWT, Susanville, Calif.).

12/15/96 IOWA STATE 19, MINNESOTA 16

118 - Paulson (M) maj. dec. Sanderson, 15-2

126 - Keller (ISU) dec. Friederichs, 7-0

134 - Hinson (ISU) maj. dec. Antila, 19-8

142 - Davids (M) pinned Maldonado, 0:38

150 - Bono (ISU) dec. Kraft, 8-4

158 - Holiday (M) dec. DeLeon, 7-3

167 - Horton (ISU) dec. Taylor, 9-3

177 - Weldon (ISU) dec. Eggum, 3-1

190 - Hartung (M) dec. Mulvihill, 8-3

HWT - Hynek (ISU) dec. Benjamin, 12-10

DID YOU KNOW?: The Gophers have recorded 68 pins in 262 individual wins this season. The Gophers needed 394 matches last season to record 68 pins.

HARTUNG REMAINS UNBEATEN:

Hartung is the lone Gopher to remain undefeated after the Iowa State match. Hartung won a hard-fought 8-3 decision over Matt Mulvihill. With the win, Hartung improved to 14-0 overall with six pins.

DAVIDS LEADS WAY WITH NO. 2 RANKING:

JASON DAVIDS (Jr., 142, Forest Lake, Minn.), **TROY MARR** (So., 134, Wyoming, Minn.), Kraft (150), Paulson (118), Taylor (167), and Hartung are all currently ranked in the top 10 in their respective weight classes.

Davids is ranked No. 2 with a 16-1 record, Kraft is fourth at 150 with an 11-1 mark, Taylor is fourth at 167 with a 9-1 record, Paulson is 13-1 and ranked fifth at 118, Hartung is 14-0 and ranked seventh at 190 and Marr is 15-4 and ranked 10th at 134.

FIVE GOPHERS COMPETE AT GREAT

PLAINS OPEN: The University of Minnesota sent five wrestlers to the Great Plains Open in Lincoln, Neb. this past weekend. The Gophers finished eighth out of 19 entries with 44 points. Nebraska claimed the team title with 190 points, followed by West Virginia (149) and Northern Iowa (101).

Freshman **TIM KINSELLA** (Litchfield, Minn.) led the Gophers with a fourth-place finish at 167. Sophomore **JESSE KREBS** (Minot, N.D.) placed fifth at 150, while sophomore **JOSH DODD** (Northwood, Iowa) and freshman **BRENT BOESHANS** (Beulah, N.D.) finished sixth at 190 and heavyweight, respectively. Freshman **EDDIE PAK** (Grayslake, Ill.) competed at 150, but did not place.

GOPHERS RANKED SIXTH IN LATEST

POLL: The Golden Gophers are ranked sixth in the Dec. 18, 1996, *Amateur Wrestling News/National Wrestling Coaches Association* poll.

1.	Iowa	.....275
2.	Oklahoma State	.....264
3.	Iowa State	.....248
4.	Penn State	.....242
5.	Illinois	.....222
6.	Minnesota	.....221
7.	Michigan State	.....213
8.	Michigan	.....196
9.	CS Bakersfield	.....185
10.	Lock Haven	.....146
	Oklahoma	.....146
12.	Edinboro	.....130
13.	Nebraska	.....126
14.	Indiana	.....124
15.	Rider	.....123
16.	Arizona State	.....116
17.	Clarion	.....99
	Pennsylvania	.....99
19.	Fresno State	.....86
20.	Pittsburgh	.....61
21.	Purdue	.....53
22.	West Virginia	.....47
23.	Cornell	.....36
24.	Wisconsin	.....31
25.	Oregon State	.....29



TRACK AND FIELD

1997 TRACK & FIELD SCHEDULE

Indoor Track & Field			
DATE	MEET	PLACE	RESULT/TIME
Jan. 4	Early Bird Open	UM Fieldhouse	No team scores
Jan. 11	Norwest Open	UM Fieldhouse	9:30 a.m.
Jan. 18	Badger Track Classic	Madison, Wis.	TBA
Jan. 25	Minnesota Invite	UM Fieldhouse	TBA
	Manitoba, Drake, Marquette, Iowa		
Jan 31	Mercantile Bank Invite	Cedar Falls, Iowa	TBA
Feb. 7-8	Iowa State Invitational	Ames, Iowa	TBA
Feb. 8	Indianapolis Invitational	Indianapolis, Ind.	TBA
Feb. 14	Snowshoe Open	UM Fieldhouse	6 p.m.
Feb. 22-23	Big Ten Indoor Champ.	Iowa City, Iowa	TBA
Feb. 28	NCAA Qualifying Meet	Ames, Iowa	TBA
Mar. 7-8	NCAA Indoor Champ.	Indianapolis, Ind.	TBA
Outdoor Track & Field			
Mar. 28-29	Florida Relays	Gainesville, Fla.	TBA
Apr. 4-5	Texas Relays	Austin, Texas	TBA
Apr. 5	Cyclone Open	Ames, Iowa	TBA
Apr. 11-12	Sea Ray Relays	Knoxville, Tenn.	TBA
Apr. 19	Hawkeye Invitational	Iowa City, Iowa	TBA
Apr. 25-26	Drake Relays	Des Moines, Iowa	TBA
May 3	TBA	Bierman Field	TBA
May 4	Jesse Owens	Columbus, Ohio	TBA
May 10	Minnesota Invitational	Bierman Field	9 a.m.
May 17	Minnesota Last Chance	Bierman Field	TBA
May 23-24	Big Ten Outdoor Champ.	Champaign, Ill.	TBA
June 4-7	NCAA Outdoor Champ.	Bloomington, Ind.	TBA

NORTHWEST OPEN NEXT FOR TRACK AND FIELD

TEAM: The Golden Gopher track and field team will host the Northwest Open on Saturday, Jan. 11 at the U of M Fieldhouse at 9:30 a.m. Schools competing against the Gophers will be Bethel, Concordia-St. Paul, Lakehead, Mankato State, North Dakota, North Dakota State and St. Cloud State.

1997 TRACK AND FIELD PREVIEW: The goal of every track and field is to improve every year. This year is no different for head track and field coach Phil Lundin and his Golden Gophers. Minnesota posted a runner-up finish at the Big Ten Outdoor Championships and surprised with a third-place showing at the Big Ten Indoors. Lundin, who begins his second season at the helm, thinks his team can improve in 1997.

"We have the possibilities of improving our standing in the Big Ten meets," said Lundin. "This year we have a better team in regards to overall team strength. Most events are going to be represented with some people who can be competitive at the Big Ten level."

The Golden Gophers will improve immediately with the return of senior pole vaulter **TYE HARVEY** (Jamestown, Calif.) and sophomore decathlete **BENJAMIN JENSEN** (Mandal, Norway). Harvey, who earned All-America status at the 1995 NCAA Outdoor Championships, redshirted last season due to a shoulder injury. Jensen underwent emergency appendectomy surgery three weeks after he automatically qualified for the NCAA Championships and set an U of M

decathlete record at the '95 Sea Ray Relays. The injury caused Jensen to miss the Big Ten Outdoors. Both athletes ready to contribute this year.

"Harvey and Jensen are two of the best athletes in the U.S. in their respective events," said Lundin. "Having these two guys back is exciting. They'll make us much more competitive."

Harvey, Jensen and sophomore **VESA RANTANEN** (Virrat, Finland) make the pole vault the Golden Gophers' strongest position. Rantanen won the Big Ten Outdoors with a U of M freshman record vault of 17-10 1/4. He also placed 10th at the NCAA Championships. Backing up the "big three" will be senior tri-captain **SETH MISCHKE** (Worland, Wyo.) and junior **JONATHAN ANDERSON** (Morris, Minn.). Mischke has vaulted 17-0, and Anderson finished sixth at the Big Ten Outdoors. The addition of freshmen **MIKE BROCKWELL** (Edina, Minn.) and **MATT MCKENZIE** (Mosinee, Wis.) add depth. Brockwell holds the Minnesota state high school record with a vault of 15-6, while McKenzie is a 16-0 vaulter.

"The pole vault is probably our strongest area," said Lundin. "Our depth will make us better as a team."

The area of immediate concern that has improved is the distance running. With the arrival of new coach Steve Plasencia, the Golden Gophers have plenty to be excited about. Plasencia was a five-time All-American at the U of M and a two-time Olympian. His coaching and expertise will help returning senior captain **RICK OBLEMAN** (Regina, Saskatchewan) and junior **TONY RITER** (Shoreview, Minn.) lead a corps of inexperienced freshmen. Obleman and Riter finished third and fifth in the 3,000m Steeplechase at the Big Ten Outdoor Championships last season. The top newcomers include **JEREMY POLSON** (Duluth, Minn.) and **ERIC HARTMARK** (Duluth, Minn.). Polson won the 3,200m Minnesota State Cross Country Championship, and Hartmark was an all-state performer and top 800m runner.

"We have a number of new youth coming in, and with the addition of coach Plasencia, our distance running will have some success," said Lundin.

Senior captain **JASON SCHLUETER** (New London, Wis.) leads a solid group of throwers. Schlueter claimed the discus title at the Big Ten Outdoors and finished 18th at the NAAs. Juniors **CHAD YENCHESKY** (DePere, Wis.) and **JEFF MARSH** (Seymour, Wis.) were also placemen at Big Tens a season ago. Sophomore **ADAM REED** (Milwaukee, Wis.) returns with freshmen **JUSTIN ASHER** (Plymouth, Minn.) and **MARK FAHEY** (Scandia, Minn.), both of whom have potential, according to Lundin.

The Golden Gophers have built a strong foundation for success with their group of decathletes. With the return of Jensen, sophomore **GLENN LINDQVIST** (Aland, Finland) and Mischke, the team should do some heavy damage at the conference championships. Lindqvist placed fifth in the heptathlon and decathlon at the conference championships, while Mischke was the model of consistency last season. Anderson and newcomer McKenzie could draw attention.

"We're very strong and deep in the decathlon," said Lundin. "These guys will score us points at the Big Tens if they stay healthy."

Returning high jumpers **TYLER McCORMICK** (So., White Bear Lake, Minn.) and **WIL KURTH** (Jr., Rochester, Minn.) will aim to keep the Golden Gophers strong in the high jump. McCormick (fourth) and Kurth (seventh) both placed at the Big Ten Outdoors. Minnesota added freshmen **STAFFAND STRAND** (Upplands-Vasby, Sweden), who claimed the Swedish National Championship with a jump of 7-5 1/2, and **MARC JOHANNSEN** (Fr., Miller, S.D.), who could be one of the best high jumpers in Gopher history.

"I'm excited about the high jump," said Lundin. "The position could be one of our strongest."

The Golden Gophers return sophomore **MARCUS WESTBERRY** (So., Minneapolis, Minn.) in the vertical jumps and the triple jump. Westberry finished eighth in the long jump at the Big Ten Outdoors despite struggling all season.

"Marcus could be one of the better horizontal jumpers we've had here at Minnesota," said Lundin. "He has a lot of talent and could be very strong."

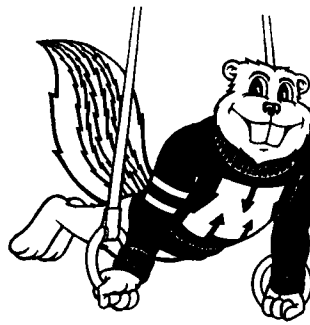
Freshman newcomer **ADAM FREED** (Proctor, Minn.) will be counted on to contribute in the long jump. Freed won the 1995 Minnesota state long jump with a leap of 23-8.

Although Minnesota lost sprinter Chris Darkins to graduation, coach Lundin believes senior **TIM VAN VOORHIS** (Sr., Apple Valley, Minn.) will pick up the slack left by the talented Darkins. Van Voorhis finished eighth in the 100m and 200m at the Big Ten Outdoors. Junior **NILES DENEEN** (St. Paul, Minn.) is back as the top Gopher hurdler. Deneen has looked strong in the offseason and should improve in 1997.

Junior **SCOTT BEADLE** (Moorhead, Minn.) will continue to score points for the Gophers in the middle sprints. Beadle placed third in the 600m at the Big Ten Indoors and finished fifth in the 400m at the Big Ten Outdoors. He is one of the most consistent Gophers on this year's roster.

Freshman **JASON OWEN** (Stewartville, Minn.) hopes to fill the shoes of departed All-American Paul Michalek in the 800m. Owen is currently ranked ninth internationally in the event. He'll also run the 400m and 1,600m at Minnesota.

"We need to stay healthy to be successful this season," said Lundin. "We need the continuity of the training process, and our athletes need a fresh state of mind when it comes down to the big meets."



GYMNASTICS

ALUMNI MEET UP FIRST: The Golden Gopher men's gymnastics team will open its 1997 campaign with the annual Alumni Meet at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 10, in the Sports Pavilion. About 15 former Golden Gopher gymnasts will compete against this year's squad.

MEET DEDICATED TO JEFF ROCK: The 1997 Alumni Meet will be dedicated to former Gopher Jeff Rock, who passed away on Jan. 6, 1997. Rock competed in the all-around for Minnesota from 1970-73, lettering all four years. He also served as team captain in 1972 and 1973. A regular competitor at the Gophers' Alumni Meets and an active member of the gymnastics community, Rock will be sorely missed.

TRIPS TO CHICAGO AND IOWA UP NEXT: The Golden Gophers will next compete in the Windy City Invitational in Chicago on Jan. 18. Minnesota opens the Big Ten season on Jan. 31, with a dual meet at Iowa at 7 p.m. The first home meet will be on Feb. 8 vs. Michigan and Michigan State at 1 p.m. in the Sports Pavilion.

GYMNASTICS PREVIEW: After ranking in the nation's top 10 teams all last season and narrowly missing a team berth in the highly competitive NCAA East Regionals last spring, Head Coach Fred Roethlisberger and the Golden Gophers are determined to be competitive in the Big Ten and qualify for the national tournament this year.

With six returning lettermen and six newcomers that Roethlisberger calls his best recruiting class since former Golden Gopher greats Kerry Huston and Brian Yee, this year's team has more depth, always a trademark of Roethlisberger's squads, and will challenge the national powerhouses it faces this season.

"This year's team is characterized by more depth with the addition of strong freshmen and the improvement of our juniors and seniors," Roethlisberger said. "All six of the people we put up will be very good. We have to hit all of our routines and not make any mistakes."

In the Big Ten, Ohio State is strongly favored. But Penn State, Iowa and the Golden Gophers should be close behind, battling for second, according to Roethlisberger. At the national championships, Berkeley and Ohio State will be fighting for first. After that, Minnesota could be in there along with the other Big Ten teams, Nebraska, Stanford and Oklahoma.

Leading the Golden Gophers this season will be senior co-captains **FRANK TICKNOR** (Milwaukee, Wis.) and **HEATH WALL** (Sterling Heights, Mich.), who will both challenge for all-around titles this season. Both gymnasts are also strong competitors in the six individual events.

Ticknor averaged 54.90 in the all-round last season to lead the team and ranked in the national top 20 all season. He won all-around titles in meets against Michigan and Nebraska and finished second in two others. He set a career-high 56.125 to win the all-around against Nebraska.

The team's top finisher at the 1996 Big Ten Championships, Wall finished third with a 9.70 on the still rings. He also set a team season-high 9.60 on the parallel bars for a win against Illinois-Chicago.

Juniors **GEORGE BEATTY** (Aberdeen, N.J.) and **BOB HUBBARD** (Phoenix, Ariz.) will also provide veteran leadership for the Golden Gophers. Beatty matched a career-high 9.55 on the pommel horse at the Big Ten Championships, tying him for fifth in the conference. He competed in the all-around against Illinois-Chicago and finished fourth with a career-high 54.80.

Competing mainly on the pommel horse, parallel bars and horizontal bar, Hubbard scored career bests on the floor exercise with a 9.20 and the vault with an 8.95 at Big Tens last season. He won two events for Minnesota last season, tying with teammate Jason Krob for first on the pommel horse against Michigan and with Ticknor for first on the parallel bars with a 9.15 in each event.

"Those four (Ticknor, Wall, Beatty and Hubbard) can be our top four in every event," Roethlisberger said. "They are all four hardworking athletes and have really come a long way. We can count on them in every event."

Leading the event specialists will be sophomores **DAN BOOTS** (Pearland, Texas) and **JASON KROB** (St. Charles, Mo.) and redshirt freshman **MATT KIEFFER** (Inver Grove Heights, Minn.). Boots competed on the still rings in eight meets last season and finished fourth against Iowa and Nebraska with, scoring a career-best 9.45 in both meets. A specialist on the pommel horse, Krob scored a team-high and career-best 9.60 to place sixth at the Big Ten Championships. He also tied with Hubbard to place first on the horse with a 9.15 against Michigan. Kieffer should help the team on the still rings this season.

Minnesota also boasts a fine class of newcomers who should be able to make an immediate impact. Senior **MICHAEL MAMAKOS** (Huntington, N.Y.) transferred to Minnesota this season from UCLA where the men's varsity program was dropped. Freshmen **CHAD CONNER** (Dallas, Texas), **ROBERT FORCIER** (Minnetonka, Minn.), **RUSSELL HOPSON** (Richardson, Texas), **NATE TESMER** (Madison, Wis.) and **LINDSEY FANG** (Allentown, Pa.), who was a 1995 junior national champion, will also add depth to Minnesota's talented squad.

Highlighting Minnesota's tough schedule this season will be perennial national powerhouses Ohio State, Iowa and Nebraska. The team will host Big Ten rivals Michigan and Michigan State in addition to traveling to New Mexico for meets against New Mexico and Santa Barbara and to Chicago to face Illinois-Chicago. On March 22-23, the Big Ten's finest gymnasts will gather in Minnesota for the Big Ten Championships, which will be held in the Sports Pavilion.

"In collegiate gymnastics, only the NCAA championships overshadow the Big Ten Championships," Roethlisberger said. "We are certainly delighted to host this meet and hope to use the home floor to our advantage."



SWIMMING AND DIVING

UP NEXT: The Minnesota men's swimming and diving team will tangle with No. 24 Kansas at the Aquatic Center on Friday, Jan. 10, at 7 p.m. The Maroon and Gold will then host the Gold Country Invitational on Saturday, Jan. 11, at 11 a.m. Teams from Carleton, Mankato State, St. Cloud State, St. Mary's, St. Olaf and Kansas are set to compete.

LAST TIME OUT: The eighth-ranked University of Minnesota men's swim team beat No. 22 Miami 66-47 on Sunday, December 22, in Miami, Fla. during the team's winter training trip.

Minnesota captured event titles in seven events to overcome an 18-point deficit. The Golden Gopher divers did not make the winter training trip, giving the Hurricanes nine points apiece in both one-and three-meter diving.

MANOLIS LENTARIS (Jr., Hania, Crete, Greece) won the 200 and 500 freestyle to lead Minnesota.

The win improves the Golden Gophers to 4-0 on the season and the Maroon and Gold will be back in action on January 10, at the Aquatic Center, against Kansas.

TICKETS FOR NCAA'S: The University of Minnesota will host the 1997 NCAA Division I Men's Swimming and Diving Championships at the Aquatic Center on Thursday, March 27 through Saturday, March 29. Tickets are now available and will be mailed out on Monday, March 17. An all-session ticket is \$40 per person with single session prices listed at \$8 for prelims and \$10 for finals. If there are any questions please contact the ticket office at (612) 624-8080.

CREDENTIAL REQUESTS FOR NCAA'S: Any schools or media members needing credentials to cover the 1997 NCAA Men's Swimming and Diving Championships should fax their request(s) on letterhead to the University of Minnesota men's media relations office at (612) 625-0359 to the attention of Media Relations Director Marc Ryan.

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The Golden Gopher Hotline features daily interviews with players and coaches. It is available to the media 24 hours a day by calling (612) 625-7887. The hotline is broadcast quality and is changed by noon each day. This service is for media use only. The schedule for this week is as follows:

Monday, January 13:

Head Basketball Coach Clem Haskins' Media Luncheon

Tuesday, January 14:

Senior guard Bobby Jackson

Wednesday, January 15:

Junior wing Casey Hankinson

Thursday, January 16:

Junior goaltender Steve DeBus

Friday, January 17:

Head Hockey Coach Doug Woog

Saturday, January 18 - Sunday, January 19:

Assistant Hockey Coach Mike Guentzel's Postgame St. Cloud State Comments

DON'T FORGET MARCH MADNESS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA...

The University of Minnesota will host these major championships in the month of March!

- March 8-9 Big Ten Wrestling @ Williams Arena
- March 13-15 WCHA Final Five @ St. Paul Civic Center
- March 22-23 Big Ten Gymnastics @ Sports Pavilion
- March 27-29 NCAA Swimming and Diving @ U of M Aquatic Center

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This Week in Gopher Sports

Tuesday,
Jan. 14

• **Basketball** at Illinois Fighting Illini Assembly Hall
Champaign-Urbana, Illinois
ESPN
WCCO-AM 830, 6:30 p.m.

Friday,
Jan. 17

• **Tennis** vs. Marquette Golden Eagles
Burnsville Racquet Club, 6:30 p.m.
• **Hockey** at St. Cloud State Huskies
National Hockey Center
St. Cloud, Minn.
Midwest Sports Channel
KSTP-AM 1500, 7 p.m.

Saturday,
Jan. 18

• **Wrestling** at National Duals
Bob Devaney Sports Center
Lincoln, Neb., All Day
• **Track** at Badger Track Classic
Madison, Wis., TBA
• **Basketball** at Ohio State Buckeyes
St. John Arena
Columbus, Ohio
WCCO-TV Channel 4
WCCO-AM 830, 11:30 a.m.
• **Swimming** at Northwestern Wildcats
Evanston, Ill., 2 p.m.
• **Gymnastics** at Windy City Invitational
Chicago, Illinois, 6 p.m.
• **Hockey** vs. St. Cloud State
Mariucci Arena
Midwest Sports Channel
KSTP-AM 1500, 7 p.m.

Sunday,
Jan. 19

• **Wrestling** at National Duals
Bob Devaney Sports Center
Lincoln, Neb., All Day
• **Tennis** vs. Arizona State Sun Devils
98th Street Club
Bloomington, Minn., 1 p.m.



WRESTLING

1996-97 WRESTLING SCHEDULE

DATE	MEET	PLACE	SCORE/TIME
All Unattached			
Nov. 16	Bison Open	Fargo, N.D.	All Day
Nov. 23	UNO Open	Omaha, Neb.	All Day
Nov. 29	Northern Open	Madison, Wis.	All Day
Official Team Schedule			
Nov. 22	North Dakota St.	Fargo, N.D.	W, 42-3
Dec. 6	Northwestern	Williams	W, 35-3
Dec. 15	Clarion Duals	Clarion, Pa.	
		- Ohio U	W, 39-4
		- Clarion	W, 34-9
		- Rider	W, 27-12
Dec. 17	S. Connecticut St.	New Haven, Conn.	W, 46-6
Jan. 4	Iowa State	Williams	L, 16-19
Jan. 7	Nebraska	Lincoln, Neb.	W, 29-12
Jan. 10	South Dakota St.	Williams	cancelled
Jan. 18-19	National Duals	Lincoln, Neb.	All Day
Jan. 24	Iowa	Iowa City, Iowa	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 31	Oklahoma State	Stillwater, Okla.	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 2	Wisconsin	Williams	2:30 p.m.
Feb. 9	Penn State	Pavilion	2:30 p.m.
Feb. 15	Michigan State	East Lansing, Mich.	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 16	Michigan	Ann Arbor, Mich.	1:00 p.m.
Feb. 23	Ohio State	Pavilion	2:30 p.m.
Mar. 8-9	Big Ten's	Home	All Day
Mar. 20-22	NCAA's	Cedar Falls, Iowa	All Day

Bold indicates home meets

NATIONAL DUALS NEXT FOR WRESTLERS:

The fifth-ranked Minnesota wrestling team will travel to Lincoln, Neb., to participate in the National Duals. The following nationally-ranked teams are expected to compete: Iowa (1), Oklahoma State (2), Iowa State (3), Oklahoma (11)

THE RECORDS: Minnesota enters the National Duals with a 7-1 overall record and 1-0 mark in the Big Ten.

The Golden Gophers defeated Nebraska 29-12 in dual meet on Jan. 7. The Gophers match against South Dakota State on Jan. 10 was cancelled due to inclement weather.

THE COACH: Minnesota's J Robinson (Oklahoma State, '69) is currently in his 11th year and has guided the Golden Gophers to a 138-71-3 record and two runner-up Big Ten finishes. Robinson has coached 10 Big Ten champions and 23 NCAA All-Americans in his career. He is 7-1 in 1996-97.

GOPHER PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP AT NATIONAL DUALS:

Weight	Wrestler	Record (Overall, Dual)
118	No. 5 Brandon Paulson	13-1, 4-1
126	Ty Friederichs	10-7, 3-2
134	Pat Connors	8-2, 0-0
142	No. 2 Jason Davids	16-1, 6-0
150	No. 4 Chad Kraft	11-1, 5-1
158	Josh Holiday	13-4, 5-0
167	No. 4 Zac Taylor	9-1, 5-1
177	Brandon Eggum	9-1, 5-1
190	No. 7 Tim Hartung	14-0, 6-0
HWT	Brent Boeshans	13-5, 2-0

GOPHER WRESTLERS DEFEAT NEBRASKA

29-12: The Golden Gopher wrestling team improved its record to 7-1 overall with a 29-12 win over the 13th-ranked Nebraska Cornhuskers in Lincoln, Neb., on Tuesday night.

The win helped the Gophers to a No. 5 ranking in the latest *Amateur Wrestling News/National Wrestling Coaches Association* Poll.

Second-ranked **JASON DAVIDS** (Jr., Forest Lake, Minn.) major-decision victory over Nebraska's Dusty Morris at 142 gave the Gophers an 8-6 lead they would never relinquish. Fifth-ranked **BRANDON PAULSON** (Jr., 118, Coon Rapids, Minn.) and seventh-ranked **TIM HARTUNG** (So., 190, Durand, Wis.) also recorded major-decision victories for the Gophers. With the win, Hartung remains undefeated at 15-0. Fourth-ranked **ZAC TAYLOR** (Jr., 167, Sandpoint, Idaho) won by match termination at 177 after jumping out to a 22-6 lead. Recording decision victories for the Gophers were No. 4 **CHAD KRAFT** (So, 150, Lakefield, Minn.) and **JOSH HOLIDAY** (So., Anaheim, Calif.) The other Gopher victory came at 177 by **BRANDON EGGUM** (Fr., Sidney, Mont.) who won by forfeit.

No. 6 Minnesota 29, No. 13 Nebraska 12

118 - No. 5 Brandon Paulson (M) maj. dec. T. Beckerman, 11-3
 126 - No. 11 Jeramie Welder (NU) dec. Ty Friederichs, 11-4
 134 - No. 12 Bart Canoyer (NU) dec. Pat Connors, 3-2
 142 - No. 2 Jason Davids (M) maj. dec. Dusty Morris, 17-7
 150 - No. 4 Chad Kraft (M) dec. Ryan Bauer, 8-4
 158 - Josh Holiday (M) dec. No. 10 Jason Kraft, 4-3
 167 - No. 4 Zac Taylor (M) match term. M Christensen, 22-6
 177 - Brandon Eggum (M) won by forfeit over NU
 190 - No. 7 Tim Hartung (M) maj. dec. Scott Munson, 14-2
 HWT - No. 4 Tolly Thompson (NU) pinned B. Boeshans, 2:29

DID YOU KNOW?: The Gophers have recorded 68 pins in 269 individual wins this season. The Gophers needed 394 matches last season to record 68 pins.

HARTUNG REMAINS UNBEATEN: Hartung is the lone Gopher to remain undefeated after the Nebraska match. Hartung won an easy 14-2 major decision over Scott Munson to improve to 15-0 overall with six pins.

DAVIDS LEADS WAY WITH NO. 2 RANKING:

DAVIDS (Jr., 142, Forest Lake, Minn.), TROY MARR (So., 134, Wyoming, Minn.), Kraft (150), Paulson (118), Taylor (167) and Hartung are all currently ranked in the top 10 in their respective weight classes.

Dauids is ranked No. 2 with a 17-1 record, Kraft is fourth at 150 with an 12-1 mark, Taylor is fourth at 167 with a 10-1 record, Paulson is 14-1 and ranked fifth at 118, Hartung is 15-0 and ranked seventh at 190 and Marr is 15-4 and ranked 10th at 134.

GOPHERS RANKED FIFTH IN LATEST

POLL: The Golden Gophers are ranked sixth in the Dec. 18, 1996, *Amateur Wrestling News/National Wrestling Coaches Association* poll.

1.	Iowa	.250
2.	Oklahoma State	.240
3.	Iowa State	.226
4.	Penn State	.242
5.	Minnesota	.207
6.	Illinois	.198
7.	Michigan	.178
8.	CS Bakersfield	.174
9.	Michigan State	.160
10.	Edinboro	.157
11.	Oklahoma	.144
12.	Lock Haven	.139
13.	Nebraska	.125
14.	Indiana	.113
15.	Arizona State	.105
16.	Rider	.104
17.	Clarion	.85
18.	Pennsylvania	.77
19.	Fresno State	.64
20.	Purdue	.50
21.	North Carolina	.49
22.	Pittsburgh	.49
23.	Cornell	.41
24.	West Virginia	.40
25.	Oregon State	.22



GYMNASTICS

MEN'S GYMNASTS LOSE TO ALUMNI TEAM:

The University of Minnesota men's gymnastic team lost a dual meet with an alumni team Saturday. The alumni team, led by a number of former and current national team members, defeated the Golden Gophers 224.10-217.925.

Minnesota was led in the all-around by senior co-captain **FRANK TICKNOR** (Milwaukee, Wis.) with a score of 54.825 points. Freshman **LINDSEY FANG** (Allentown, Pa.) also posted an impressive score in the all-around with 52.20 points.

Ticknor won the pommel horse and vault competitions and shared the event title in the floor exercise. Senior co-captain **HEATH WALL** (Sterling Heights, Mich.) tied for wins on the still rings and the horizontal bar. Junior **BOB HUBBARD** (Phoenix, Ariz.) won the parallel bars competition.

TEAM RANKED EIGHTH IN PRESEASON

POLL: The Golden Gophers are ranked eighth in the preseason coaches poll released January 7. Six of Minnesota's opponents this season rank in the top 20: Ohio State (1), Nebraska (4), Iowa (5), New Mexico (10), Michigan State (13) and Illinois-Chicago (15).

WINDY CITY INVITE UP NEXT: Minnesota opens the regular season Saturday, Jan. 18, at the Windy City Invitational in Chicago, Ill., at 6 p.m. The team then begins the dual meet season against No. 5 Iowa at Iowa City on Fri., Jan. 31. The Golden Gophers return home on Saturday, Feb. 8, for dual meets against Michigan and No. 13 Michigan State. at 1 p.m.



TRACK AND FIELD

1997 TRACK & FIELD SCHEDULE

Indoor Track & Field			
DATE	MEET	PLACE	RESULT/TIME
Jan. 4	Early Bird Open	UM Fieldhouse	No team scores
Jan. 11	Northwest Open	UM Fieldhouse	9:30 a.m.
Jan. 18	Badger Track Classic	Madison, Wis.	TBA
Jan. 25	Minnesota Invite	UM Fieldhouse	TBA
	Manitoba, Drake, Marquette, Iowa		
Jan 31	Mercantile Bank Invite	Cedar Falls, Iowa	TBA
Feb. 7-8	Iowa State Invitational	Ames, Iowa	TBA
Feb. 8	Indianapolis Invitational	Indianapolis, Ind.	TBA
Feb. 14	Snowshoe Open	UM Fieldhouse	6 p.m.
Feb. 22-23	Big Ten Indoor Champ.	Iowa City, Iowa	TBA
Feb. 28	NCAA Qualifying Meet	Ames, Iowa	TBA
Mar. 7-8	NCAA Indoor Champ.	Indianapolis, Ind.	TBA
Outdoor Track & Field			
Mar. 28-29	Florida Relays	Gainesville, Fla.	TBA
Apr. 4-5	Texas Relays	Austin, Texas	TBA
Apr. 5	Cyclone Open	Ames, Iowa	TBA
Apr. 11-12	Sea Ray Relays	Knoxville, Tenn.	TBA
Apr. 19	Hawkeye Invitational	Iowa City, Iowa	TBA
Apr. 25-26	Drake Relays	Des Moines, Iowa	TBA
May 3	TBA	Bierman Field	TBA
May 4	Jesse Owens	Columbus, Ohio	TBA
May 10	Minnesota Invitational	Bierman Field	9 a.m.
May 17	Minnesota Last Chance	Bierman Field	TBA
May 23-24	Big Ten Outdoor Champ.	Champaign, Ill.	TBA
June 4-7	NCAA Outdoor Champ.	Bloomington, Ind.	TBA

BADGER CLASSIC NEXT FOR GOPHERS:

The men's track and field team will travel to Madison, Wis., for the Badger Classic on Saturday, Jan. 18.

NORTHWEST OPEN RESULTS: The Gophers competed in the Northwest Open on Saturday, Jan. 18. The Gophers claimed seven first-place finishes in the event. Poor weather conditions throughout the Midwest limited the field to participants from Lakehead, Bethel, St. Cloud State, Conc.-St. Paul, Wis.-Milwaukee and Minnesota.

Freshman **STAFFAN STRAND** (Upplands-Vasby, Sweden) won the long jump by over a foot in 22-7 3/4, and junior **CHAD YENCHESKY** (DePere, Wis.) won the shot put also by over a foot with a throw of 55-10 1/2. Sophomore **NATHANIEL CLAY** (Eden Prairie, Minn.) won the mile run in 4:20.51. Junior **NILES DENEEN** (St. Paul, Minn.) won the 55 meter hurdles. Senior **TYE HARVEY** (Jamestown, Calif.) won the pole vault with 17-0 3/4. Sophomore **RON HOFFNER** (Brooklyn Park, Minn.) won the 800 meter run in 1:54.94.

Other winners were the 4x400 meter relay and Minnesota cross country coach **STEVE PLASENCIA**, running unattached, in the 3000 meter run.

TRACK RESULTS - MINNESOTA FINISHERS NORTHWEST OPEN MEN Jan. 11, 1996

55 Meter Dash - 4. Tim Van Voorhis, Minnesota, 6.50; 5. Adam Freed, Minnesota, 6.59; 7. Benjamin Jensen, Minnesota, 6.77.

800 Meter Run - 1. Ron Hoffner, Minnesota, 1:54.94.

Mile Run - 1. Nathaniel Clay, Minnesota, 4:20.51; 2. Jason Owen, Minnesota, 4:21.98; 3. Tony Riter, Minnesota, 4:25.45; 5. Charles McClure, Minnesota, 4:28.92; 6. Chris Anderson, Minnesota, 4:29.60; 7. Rick Obleman, Minnesota, 4:29.61.

Bjorklund 3000M Run - 1. Steve Plasencia, Unat, 8:24.16.

55M High Hurdles - 1. Niles Deneen, Minnesota, 7.80; 2. Aaron Wheatcraft, Minnesota, 7.90.

4X400 Meter Relay - 1. Minnesota 4X4, Minnesota, 3:21.89.

Long Jump - 1. Staffan Strand, Minnesota, 22-7 3/4 (6.90m).

Shot Put - 1. Chad Yenchesky, Minnesota, 55-10 1/2 (17.03m); 2. Jeff Marsh, Minnesota, 54-2 (16.51m); 3. Justin Asher, Minnesota, 52-11 1/2 (16.14m); 4. Adam Reed, Minnesota, 48-0 (14.63m); 5. Glenn Lindqvist, Minnesota, 45-10 (13.97m); 8. Jensen, Minnesota, 42-3 1/2 (12.89m).

Pole Vault - 1. Tye Harvey, Minnesota, 17-0 3/4 (5.20m); 4. Jonathan Anderson, Minnesota, 15-9 (4.80m); 5. Seth Mischke, Minnesota, 15-7 1/4 (4.76m); 6. Lindqvist, Minnesota, 15-1 (4.60m).



TENNIS

NETTERS BACK IN ACTION: After a two-month hiatus, the Golden Gopher tennis team returns to action this weekend as they host Marquette and Arizona State in a pair of non-conference matches. Minnesota will battle Marquette on Friday evening at 6:30 p.m. at the Burnsville Racquet Club, then challenge Arizona State Sunday afternoon at 1 p.m. at the 98th Street Club in Bloomington. Sandwiched between the two Golden Gopher matches, the Warriors and Sun Devils will meet in a Saturday evening match at 6:30 p.m. at the 98th Street Club.

There is great optimism surrounding the Golden Gophers this season, led by a core of veteran performers who took the team to the NCAA field of 16 last May with an NCAA Region IV Championship. Sophomore **TOM CHICOINE** (Neeah, Wis.) was an impressive 10-2 in fall singles tournaments, and senior captain **BEN GABLER** (Chambersburg, Pa.) finished the fall season with an 8-5 mark.

Head Coach **DAVID GEATZ** has led the Golden Gophers to a conference-best 131-36 (.784) overall record in the '90's, which includes four of the last five Big Ten Championships and a 115-26 overall record in five Big Ten Championship seasons in his eight years at Minnesota.

The Sun Devils are currently ranked 50th in the country in the latest Rolex/ITA National Team Rankings. The Golden Gophers, who were ranked 34th in the fall preseason poll, have dropped without playing a match to 42nd. Marquette is unranked in the poll of Top 75 teams.

ON THE HORIZON: The Golden Gophers will travel to Champaign, Ill., next weekend for the Big Ten Indoor Singles Championships. Action begins Saturday morning, Jan. 25, and will conclude with the finals on Monday afternoon, Jan. 27. Last season Golden Gopher Ben Gabler advanced to the finals of the tournament, bowing to Peter Pusztai of Michigan by the count of 6-3, 6-4.



SWIMMING AND DIVING

UP NEXT: The Minnesota men's swimming and diving team will travel to Evanston, Ill., for a dual meet with the Northwestern Wildcats. The dual is set to begin at 2 p.m. at the Norris Aquatic Center.

LAST TIME VS. THE WILDCATS: The Golden Gophers beat Northwestern at home last season as part of a double dual with North Carolina. Minnesota swept those duals beating the Wildcats 223-77 and the Tar Heels 180-120.

LAST WEEKEND: The Maroon and Gold beat No. 22 Kansas 163-80 in a dual meet Friday night, then came back and claimed the top spot in the Gold Country Invitational Saturday afternoon, outdistancing runner-up Kansas 1,221-1,044.

JONATHAN MCLEOD (So., Regina, Sask., Canada) and **MATT SCHLESSMAN** (Sr., Avon, Ohio) were double winners at the duals. McLeod won the 200 IM and 200 back while Schlessman earned the top spots in both the 100 and 50 free.

At the Gold Country Invitational, the Maroon and Gold men won 14 of the 18 events with **ISAAC BJORKLUND** (Sr., New Brighton, Minn.) (1-, 3-meter diving), Schlessman (200 IM, 200 Free) and **MARTIN ZIELINSKI** (So., Bloomington, Minn.) (200 Back, 100 Back) each claiming two titles.

SWIMMER OF THE MONTH: Golden Gopher junior **MANOLIS LENTARIS** (Jr., Hania, Crete, Greece) has been named the Big Ten Athlete of the Month in men's swimming and diving. Lentaris has helped lead the University of Minnesota men's swimming and diving team to its highest national ranking of the season at No. 8, which ties the school best set during in 1993-94 season. The Golden Gophers are currently 4-0.

Lentaris had won nine of the 10 events he had been entered in this season before winning the award, and most recently won the 200 free and placed second in the 500 free against Kansas.

ZERUHN HONORED: Former Golden Gopher swimmer **BERNIE ZERUHN** has been named the recipient of the Division I male Woody Hayes National Scholar-Athlete Award by the University Sertoma Club of Columbus.

Zeruhn edged out Arizona State quarterback Jake Plummer for the award which goes to the nation's top scholar-athlete who completes their athletic eligibility in 1996. Plummer led the Sun Devils to an undefeated regular season, a berth in the Rose Bowl, and finished third in the Heisman Trophy balloting this past season.

Zeruhn was a co-captain and MVP of Minnesota's 1996 Big Ten championship team, the school's first swimming and diving conference title since 1926. At the Big Ten Championships, he won three individual titles and was a member of three first-place relay squads. In his collegiate career, Zeruhn was a seven-time individual and two-time relay All-American.

In the classroom, he maintained a 3.93 grade point average studying international business and earned a 1996 GTE Academic All-American First Team honor as well as being named GTE Co-Academic All-American of the Year. An Academic All-Big Ten selection from 1994-96, Zeruhn was graduated from the University of Minnesota's prestigious Carlson School of Business and has earned an NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship. He is now attending graduate school in the Carlson School of Business.

A volunteer coach for the Twin Cities Swim Club, Zeruhn also volunteered as a youth worker, coach and supervisor at the Oak Park Neighborhood Center. In addition, he has also done extensive volunteer peer advising and mentoring, as well as market research for the American Red Cross.

The award will be presented to Zeruhn at the Woody Hayes National Scholar-Athlete Awards Banquet on January 17 in Columbus, Ohio.

NEW POLL: The University of Minnesota men's swimming and diving team is ranked ninth in the latest Speedo America's Top 25 swimming poll. The Golden Gophers received 175 points while new No. 1 Stanford, received 266. Defending NCAA champion Texas had held the top spot all season but slipped to third after dropping a dual meet to Michigan. Michigan, the highest ranked Big Ten team, fell two spots to fourth and Indiana (21) and Ohio State (23) were the only other Big Ten schools ranked.

The complete poll follows:

1. Stanford, 266; 2. Tennessee, 230; 3. Texas, 229; 4. Auburn, 227; 5. California, 201; 6. Michigan, 196; 7. So. Cal., 190; 8. Georgia, 178; 9. Minnesota, 175; 10. Arizona St., 148; 11. North Carolina, 147; 12. Arizona, 142; 13. Louisiana State, 128; 14. Florida St, 108; 15. Florida, 105; Tie. Nebraska, 105; 17. So. Methodist, 96; 18. Texas A&M, 74; 19. Alabama, 70; 20. Harvard, 55; 21. Indiana, 46; 22. Kansas, 39; 23. Ohio State, 32; 24. Miami, 27. 25. N.C. State, 19.

Minnesota finishers in the Gold Country Invitational

Men: 1. Minnesota, 1,221; 2. Kansas, 1,044; 3. St. Olaf, 210; 4. St. Cloud State, 163; 5. Carleton, 127; 6. Mankato State, 99.

200 Medley Relay: 1. Minn. A (E. Hulseman, O. Godoi, M. Zielinski, M. Schlessman), 1:32.79; 2. Minn B (Y. Meiri, M. Henke, J. McLeod, A. Frankow), 1:36.21; 5. Minn D (B. Bishop, T. Bathurst, B. Kusmak, J. Miller), 1:39.56.

500 Free: 4. B. Strohane, Minn., 4:41.10; 5. J. Miller, Minn., 4:42.51; 6. B. Howard, Minn., 4:42.74.

100 Breaststroke: 1. O Godoi, Minn., 57.81; 2. M. Henke,

Minn., 58.35; 3. T. Bathurst, Minn., 58.36; 6. S. Sardelas, Minn., 59.79.

100 Back: 1. M Zielinski, Minn., 51.28; 2. E. Hulseman, Minn., 51.83; 3. R. Crosby, Minn., 52.37; 5. Y. Meiri, Minn., 53.41; 6. A. Frankow, Minn., 53.51.

100 Fly: 1. J. Cahoy, Minn., 51.09; 2. M. Schlessman, Minn., 51.24; 3. J. Rients, Minn., 51.74; 4. L. Lopez, Minn., 52.41; 5. M. Teichman, Minn., 52.75.

400 IM: 1. J. McLeod, Minn., 3:59.01; 2. B. Bishop, Minn., 3:59.97; 3. Y. Meiri, Minn., 4:04.90; 6. J. Rodriguez, Minn., 4:08.05.

200 Free: 1. M. Schlessman, Minn., 1:41.90; 3. J. McLeod, Minn., 1:44.41; 5. B. Kusmak, Minn., 1:45.32; 6. B. Strohane, Minn., 1:45.36.

200 Breaststroke: 1. M. Henke, Minn., 2:06.95; 3. O. Godoi, Minn., 2:10.14; 4. M. Teichman, Minn., 2:10.54.

50 Free: 1. T. Bathurst, Minn., 21.04; 2. J. Rients, Minn., 21.33; 6. L. Lopez, Minn., 21.71.

200 Back: 1. M. Zielinski, Minn., 1:52.49; 2. R. Crosby, Minn., 1:53.02; 3. Y. Meiri, Minn., 1:53.09; 4. E. Hulseman, Minn., 1:56.03; 6. D. Pfeuffer, KU, 1:56.82.

200 Fly: 1. B. Bishop, Minn., 1:54.05; 2. J. McLeod, Minn., 1:54.31; 5. M. Teichman, Minn., 1:57.46.

100 Free: 1. J. Rients, Minn., 46.27; 2. L. Lopez, Minn., 46.90; 5. T. Bathurst, ; Minn., 47.29.

200 IM: 1. M. Schlessman, Minn., 1:55.46; 3. M. Zielinski, Minn., 1:57.29; 5. A. Frankow, Minn., 2:00.22.

200 Free Relay: 2. Minn. A (T. Bathurst, J. Cahoy, L. Lopez, J. Witikko), 1:25.64; 3. Minn. B (J. Rients, B. Carlson, R. Crosby, O. Godoi), 1:26.35.

Mixed 1650 Free: 2. B. Bishop, Minn., 15:37.15; 4. B. Strohane, Minn., 16:29.39; 6. B. Howard, Minn., 16:43.99.

3-Meter Diving: 1. I. Bjorklund, Minn., 516.47; 2. M. Ninneman, Minn., 471.80.

1-Meter Diving: 1. I. Bjorklund, Minn., 478.80; 2. M. Ninneman, Minn., 476.75.



BASEBALL

TEAM TO START PRACTICE SUNDAY: The University of Minnesota baseball team will begin practice Sunday, January 19, at 11 a.m. to start the 1997 season. The squad will practice for two weeks before its annual Pro-Alumni game which is set for February 3, at 6:30 p.m. at the Metrodome. The Golden Gophers will officially open the season February 14 at South Alabama.

BASEBALL TEAM ANNOUNCES SCHEDULE:

The University of Minnesota's baseball team announced its 1997 schedule. The Golden Gophers are scheduled for 56 contests with 34 to be played in Minneapolis and 22 on the road. Of those 34 home games, 17 will be played at the Metrodome and 17 will be played at historic Siebert Field.

The Maroon and Gold will open the 1997 season with its annual exhibition game against the Pro-Alumni on Monday, Feb. 3, at 6:30 p.m. The first regular season game will be Feb. 14 against No. 28 South Alabama in Mobile, Ala.

Minnesota will host the annual Hormel Foods Baseball Classic on Feb. 28-March 2. Teams competing include No. 2 UCLA, No. 31 Washington and Nebraska.

The Hormel Foods Baseball Classic marks a stretch of 17 straight home games to be played at the Metrodome. From March 23-30, the Golden Gophers will play 10 games in an eight-day span including the Big Ten opener against Purdue.

Michigan, Illinois and Northwestern will also visit Siebert Field for conference games while the Golden Gophers will travel to Penn State, Ohio State and Iowa

The complete schedule follows:

Feb. 3, Pro-Alumni, Metrodome, 6:30 p.m.; Feb. 14, at South Alabama, Mobile, Ala., 6 p.m.; Feb. 15, at South Alabama's Coca Cola Classic vs. South Alabama, Mobile, Ala., 12:30 p.m.; Feb. 16, at South Alabama's Coca Cola Classic vs. Auburn/Southern Mississippi, Mobile, Ala., 12:30 or 3:30 p.m.; Feb. 19, at New Orleans, New Orleans, La., 7 p.m.; Feb. 21, at Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Miss., 6:30 p.m.; Feb. 22, at Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Miss., 2 p.m.; Feb. 23, at Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Miss., 1 p.m.; Feb. 28, Hormel Foods Baseball Classic vs. Nebraska, Metrodome, 6:30 p.m.; March 1, Hormel Foods Baseball Classic vs. Washington, Metrodome, 1:30 p.m.; March 2, Hormel Foods Baseball Classic vs. UCLA, Metrodome, 1:15 p.m.; March 5, Iowa State, Metrodome, 6 p.m.; March 7, Northern Illinois, Metrodome, 6:30 p.m.; March 8, Northern Illinois, Metrodome, 1 p.m.; March 9, Northern Illinois, Metrodome, 1 p.m.; March 23, Chicago State, Metrodome, 7:30 p.m.; March 24, Chicago State

(2), Metrodome, 1 p.m.; March 25, Northern Iowa, Metrodome, 2 p.m.; March 26, UW-Milwaukee, Metrodome, 6 p.m.; March 27, UW-Milwaukee, Metrodome, 3 p.m.; March 28, Purdue, Metrodome, 6:30 p.m.; March 29, Purdue (2), Metrodome, 2 p.m.; March 30, Purdue, Metrodome, 1 p.m.; April 2, at Creighton, Omaha, Neb., 3 p.m.; April 4, Michigan, Siebert Field, 3 p.m.; April 5, Michigan (2), Siebert Field, 2 p.m.; April 6, Michigan, Siebert Field, 1 p.m.; April 8, at Iowa State, Ames, Iowa, 3 p.m.; April 11, at Penn State, State College, Pa., 3 p.m.; April 12, at Penn State (2), State College, Pa., 1 p.m.; April 13, at Penn State, State College, Pa., 1 p.m.; April 16, Creighton, Siebert Field, 3 p.m.; April 18, at Ohio State, Columbus, Ohio, 3 p.m.; April 19, at Ohio State (2), Columbus, Ohio, 1 p.m.; April 20, at Ohio State, Columbus, Ohio, 1 p.m.; April 22, at Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa, 2 p.m.; April 25, Illinois, Siebert Field, 6:30 p.m.; April 26, Illinois (2), Siebert Field, 3:30 p.m.; April 27, Illinois, Siebert Field, 1 p.m.; April 29, St. Cloud State, Siebert Field, 7 p.m.; April 30, Mankato State, Siebert Field, 7 p.m.; May 2, at Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, 3 p.m.; May 3, at Iowa (2), Iowa City, Iowa, 1 p.m.; May 4, at Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, 1 p.m.; May 7, St. Thomas, Siebert Field, 7 p.m.; May 8, St. John's, Siebert Field, 6:30 p.m.; May 9, Northwestern, Siebert Field, 6:30 p.m.; May 10, Northwestern (2), Siebert Field, 3:30 p.m.; May 11, Northwestern, Siebert Field, 1 p.m.; May 15-18, at Big Ten Tournament, TBD; May 22-25, at NCAA Regionals, TBD; May 30-June 7, College World Series, Omaha, Neb., TBD.

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Gopher Hotline

The Golden Gopher Hotline features daily interviews with players and coaches. It is available to the media 24 hours a day by calling (612) 625-7887. The hotline is broadcast quality and is changed by noon each day. This service is for media use only. The schedule for this week is as follows:

Tuesday, January 21:

Head Basketball Coach Clem Haskins' Media Luncheon

Wednesday, January 22:

Junior guard Eric Harris

Thursday, January 23:

Junior forward Sam Jacobson

Friday, January 24:

Head Hockey Coach Doug Woog

Saturday, January 25 - Sunday, January 26:

Head Basketball Coach Clem Haskins' Postgame Purdue Comments

DON'T FORGET MARCH MADNESS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA...

The University of Minnesota will host these major championships in the month of March!

- March 8-9 Big Ten Wrestling @ Williams Arena
- March 13-15 WCHA Final Five @ St. Paul Civic Center
- March 22-23 Big Ten Gymnastics @ Sports Pavilion
- March 27-29 NCAA Swimming and Diving @ U of M Aquatic Center

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This Week in Gopher Sports

Thursday,
Jan. 23

- Basketball vs. Iowa Hawkeyes
Williams Arena
ESPN
WCCO-AM 830, 6:30 p.m.

Friday,
Jan. 24

- Wrestling at Iowa Hawkeyes
Carver-Hawkeye Arena
Iowa City, Iowa, 7:30 p.m.
- Hockey at Michigan Tech Huskies
MacInnes Student Ice Arena
Houghton, Michigan
KSTP-AM 1500, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday,
Jan. 25

- Track Minnesota Invitational
U of M Fieldhouse, 9 a.m.
- Hockey at Michigan Tech Huskies
MacInnes Student Ice Arena
Houghton, Michigan
KSTP-AM 1500, 6 p.m.
- Swimming vs. Iowa Hawkeyes
U of M Aquatic Center, 4 p.m.
- Basketball vs. Purdue Boilermakers
Williams Arena
Midwest Sports Channel
WCCO-AM 830, 7 p.m.
- Tennis at Big Ten Indoor Championships
Champaign, Illinois, TBA

Sunday,
Jan. 26

- Tennis at Big Ten Indoor Championships
Champaign, Illinois, TBA



WRESTLING

1996-97 WRESTLING SCHEDULE

DATE	MEET	PLACE	SCORE/TIME
All Unattached			
Nov. 16	Bison Open	Fargo, N.D.	All Day
Nov. 23	UNO Open	Omaha, Neb.	All Day
Nov. 29	Northern Open	Madison, Wis.	All Day
Official Team Schedule			
Nov. 22	North Dakota St.	Fargo, N.D.	W, 42-3
Dec. 6	Northwestern	Williams	W, 35-3
Dec. 15	Clarion Duals	Clarion, Pa.	1st Place
		- Ohio U	W, 39-4
		- Clarion	W, 34-9
		- Rider	W, 27-12
Dec. 17	S. Connecticut St.	New Haven, Conn.	W, 46-6
Jan. 4	Iowa State	Williams	L, 16-19
Jan. 7	Nebraska	Lincoln, Neb.	W, 29-12
Jan. 10	South Dakota St.	Williams	Cancelled
Jan. 18-19	National Duals	Lincoln, Neb.	3rd Place
		- Missouri Valley	W, 48-0
		- Penn State	W, 21-10
		- Iowa	L, 23-12
		- Michigan State	W, 28-9
		- Penn State	W, 19-15
Jan. 24	Iowa	Iowa City, Iowa	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 31	Oklahoma State	Stillwater, Okla.	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 2	Wisconsin	Williams	2:30 p.m.
Feb. 9	Penn State	Pavilion	2:30 p.m.
Feb. 15	Michigan State	East Lansing, Mich.	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 16	Michigan	Ann Arbor, Mich.	1:00 p.m.
Feb. 23	Ohio State	Pavilion	2:30 p.m.
Mar. 8-9	Big Ten's	Home	All Day
Mar. 20-22	NCAA's	Cedar Falls, Iowa	All Day

Bold indicates home meets

NO. 1 IOWA NEXT FOR WRESTLERS: The fifth-ranked Minnesota wrestling team will travel to Iowa City, Iowa, to face the No. 1 Iowa Hawkeyes. The dual, which is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. at Carver-Hawkeye Arena, will mark the second time the schools have met this season. Iowa knocked off the Huskies 23-12 at the National Duals on Jan. 18 in Lincoln, Neb.

THE RECORDS: Minnesota enters the Iowa match with an 11-2 overall record and 1-0 mark in the Big Ten.

The Golden Gophers placed third at the National Duals by posting a 4-1 record, which included two wins over No. 4 Penn State. Minnesota's lone defeat was against Iowa (23-12).

Iowa is 10-1 overall and 2-0 in the Big Ten. The Hawkeyes dropped a 21-13 decision to No. 2 Oklahoma State in the championship match at the National Duals.

THE COACH: Minnesota's J Robinson (Oklahoma State, '69) is currently in his 11th year and has guided the Golden Gophers to a 143-72-3 record and two runner-up Big Ten finishes. Robinson has coached 10 Big Ten champions and 23 NCAA All-Americans in his career. He is 11-2 in 1996-97.

GOPHER PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP VS IOWA:

Weight	Wrestler	Record (Overall, Dual)
118	No. 5 Brandon Paulson	16-2, 7-2
126	Ty Friederichs	12-9, 5-4
	OR Pat Connors	9-4, 1-1
134	No. 10 Troy Marr	19-5, 8-1
142	No. 2 Jason Davids	22-1, 12-0
150	No. 4 Chad Kraft	16-2, 10-2
158	Josh Holiday	18-6, 9-2
167	No. 4 Zac Taylor	14-2, 10-2
177	Brandon Eggum	13-3, 9-3
190	No. 7 Tim Hartung	20-0, 12-0
HWT	Brent Boeshans	14-7, 3-3
	OR Shelton Benjamin	14-7, 3-5

HARTUNG REMAINS UNBEATEN: Hartung is the lone Gopher to remain undefeated with a 20-0 record. Hartung went 5-0 at the recent National Duals. He knocked off No. 2 Lee Fullhart of Iowa, 4-2 in OT, and No. 5 Brian Picklo of Michigan State, 1-0 in OT.

GOPHER WRESTLERS THIRD AT NATIONAL DUALS: The fifth-ranked Minnesota Golden Gopher wrestling team defeated No. 4 Penn State, 19-15, to capture third place at the prestigious National Duals in Lincoln, Neb., this past weekend.

Minnesota used five decision victories and one major decision to defeat Penn State for the second time in the tournament. Seventh-ranked **TIM HARTUNG** (So., 190, Durand, Wis.) remained undefeated at 20-0 after his 6-2 win over Rob Neidinger put the match away for the Gophers. Second-ranked **JASON DAVIDS** (Jr., 142, Forest Lake, Minn.) improved to 22-1 after his 11-6 decision win over No. 11 Clint Musser. Other decision winners for the Gophers were **PAT CONNORS** (Jr., 126, Longview, Wash.), No. 10 **TROY MARR** (So., 134, Wyoming, Minn.) and No. 4 **CHAD KRAFT** (Jr., 150, Lakefield, Minn.). **JOSH HOLIDAY** (So, 158, Anaheim, Calif.) recorded the lone major-decision victory with a 16-5 thumping of Shad Benton.

The Gophers started the tourney by defeating Missouri Valley, 48-0. Kraft, Holiday, **ZAC TAYLOR** (Jr., 167, Sandpoint, Idaho) and Hartung all pinned their opponents in the easy win. In the second round, the Gophers knocked off No. 4 Penn State, 21-10. The Gophers used seven decision victories to advance against No. 1 Iowa in the semifinals. The Hawkeyes jumped out to a 13-0 lead and defeated the Gophers, 23-12. Minnesota defeated No. 9 Michigan State, 28-9, to advance against Penn State for third place. No. 2 Oklahoma State upset Iowa to claim the title.

1ST ROUND - NO. 5 MINN. 48, MISS. VALL. 0

118 - No. 5 Brandon Paulson (UM) won by forfeit MV
126 - Ty Friederichs (UM) maj. dec. Beau Vest, 11-0
134 - No. 10 Troy Marr (UM) dec. Jeremy Dirks, 8-2
142 - No. 2 Jason Davids (UM) maj. dec. James Morgan, 17-4
150 - No. 4 Chad Kraft (MU) pinned Aaron Elmore, 1:35
158 - Josh Holiday (UM) pinned Dusty Boatright, 3:28
167 - No. 4 Zac Taylor (UM) pinned Justin Hoover, 1:31
177 - Brandon Eggum (UM) maj. dec. Bobby Lashley, 11-3
190 - No. 7 Tim Hartung (UM) pinned Jervon Walton, 1:10
HWT - Brent Boeshans (UM) dec. Micco Charboneau, 3-0

2ND ROUND - NO. 5 MINN. 21, NO. 4 PSU 10

118 - No. 5 Brandon Paulson (UM) dec. Jeremy Hunter, 8-5
126 - No. 10 Jason Betz (PSU) dec. Ty Friederichs, 8-7
134 - No. 10 Troy Marr (UM) dec. No. 7 Biff Walizer, 6-1
142 - No. 2 Jason Davids (UM) dec. No. 11 Clint Musser, 10-4
150 - No. 4 Chad Kraft (MU) dec. Shad Benton, 3-2
158 - Brian Romesburg (PSU) dec. Josh Holiday, 5-3
167 - No. 4 Zac Taylor (UM) dec. No. 5 Glenn Pritzlaff, 12-11
177 - Brandon Eggum (UM) dec. Frank Morici, 8-5
190 - No. 7 Tim Hartung (UM) dec. Rob Neidlinger, 11-5
HWT - No. 1 K. McCoy (PSU) maj. dec. B. Boeshans, 14-3

SEMIS - NO. 1 IOWA 23, NO. 5 MINN. 12

118 - Jessie Whitmer (IU) dec. No. 5 Brandon Paulson, 9-4
126 - No. 4 Mark Mena (IU) maj. dec. Pat Connors, 11-2
134 - No. 1 Mark Ironside (IU) pinned No. 10 Troy Marr, 4:31
142 - No. 2 Jason Davids (UM) dec. Kasey Gilliss, 10-6
150 - No. 1 Lincoln McIlravy (IU) dec. No. 4 Chad Kraft, 4-3
158 - No. 1 Joe Williams (IU) maj. dec. Josh Holiday, 16-6
167 - No. 4 Zac Taylor (UM) dec. Mike Uker, 7-4
177 - B. Eggum (UM) dec. Tony Ersland, 1-1 (OT tiebreaker)
190 - No. 7 T. Hartung (UM) dec. No. 2 L. Fullhart, 4-2 (OT)
HWT - Wes Hand (IU) dec. Shelton Benjamin, 7-5

CONS. - NO. 5 MINN. 28, NO. 9 MSU 9

118 - No. 2 David Morgan (MSU) won by forfeit UM
126 - Ty Friederichs (UM) dec. Jason Nusbaum, 12-9
134 - No. 10 Troy Marr (UM) dec. Issac Miller, 5-1
142 - No. 2 Jason Davids (UM) maj. dec. Sam Hakim, 20-6
150 - No. 4 Chad Kraft (MU) tech. fall Adam Elderkin, 19-3
158 - Josh Holiday (UM) dec. Greg DeGrand, 8-2
167 - No. 4 Zac Taylor (UM) maj. dec. William Hill, 15-5
177 - No. 4 Erich Harvey (MSU) dec. Brandon Eggum, 4-2
190 - No. 7 Tim Hartung (UM) dec. No. 5 B. Picklo, 1-0 (OT)
HWT - Shelton Benjamin (UM) dec. Marco Sanchez, 5-1

THIRD PLACE - NO. 5 MINN. 19, NO. 4 PSU 15

118 - Jeremy Hunter (PSU) won by forfeit UM
126 - Pat Connors (UM) dec. No. 10 Jason Betz, 8-5
134 - No. 10 Troy Marr (UM) dec. Biff Walizer, 3-1
142 - No. 2 Jason Davids (UM) dec. No. 11 Clint Musser, 11-6
150 - No. 4 Chad Kraft (MU) dec. Shad Benton, 3-2
158 - Josh Holiday (UM) maj. dec. Rick Swanger, 16-5
167 - No. 5 Glenn Pritzlaff (PSU) dec. No. 4 Zac Taylor, 11-6
177 - Frank Morici (PSU) dec. Brandon Eggum, 4-3
190 - No. 7 Tim Hartung (UM) dec. Rob Neidinger, 6-2
HWT - No. 1 Kerry McCoy (PSU) dec. S. Benjamin, 10-4

SIX GOPHERS NATIONALLY RANKED:

The following Gophers are nationally ranked in their respective weight classes: Davids (No. 2 at 142), Taylor (No. 4 at 167), Kraft (No. 4 at 150), Hartung (No. 7 at 190), Marr (No. 10 at 134). **BRANDON PAULSON** (Jr., Coon Rapids, Minn.) is ranked fifth at 118.

GOPHERS RANKED FIFTH IN LATEST POLL:

The Golden Gophers are ranked fifth in the Jan. 16, 1997, *Amateur Wrestling News/National Wrestling Coaches Association* poll.

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TRACK AND FIELD

1997 TRACK & FIELD SCHEDULE

Indoor Track & Field			
DATE	MEET	PLACE	RESULT/TIME
Jan. 4	Early Bird Open	UM Fieldhouse	No team scores
Jan. 11	Northwest Open	UM Fieldhouse	No team scores
Jan. 18	Badger Track Classic	Madison, Wis.	No team scores
Jan. 25	Minnesota Invite	UM Fieldhouse	TBA
Jan 31	Manitoba, Drake, Marquette, Iowa		
Jan 31	Mercantile Bank Invite	Cedar Falls, Iowa	TBA
Feb. 7-8	Iowa State Invitational	Ames, Iowa	TBA
Feb. 8	Indianapolis Invitational	Indianapolis, Ind.	TBA
Feb. 14	Snowshoe Open	UM Fieldhouse	6 p.m.
Feb. 22-23	Big Ten Indoor Champ.	Iowa City, Iowa	TBA
Feb. 28	NCAA Qualifying Meet	Ames, Iowa	TBA
Mar. 7-8	NCAA Indoor Champ.	Indianapolis, Ind.	TBA
Outdoor Track & Field			
Mar. 28-29	Florida Relays	Gainesville, Fla.	TBA
Apr. 4-5	Texas Relays	Austin, Texas	TBA
Apr. 5	Cyclone Open	Ames, Iowa	TBA
Apr. 11-12	Sea Ray Relays	Knoxville, Tenn.	TBA
Apr. 19	Hawkeye Invitational	Iowa City, Iowa	TBA
Apr. 25-26	Drake Relays	Des Moines, Iowa	TBA
May 3	TBA	Bierman Field	TBA
May 4	Jesse Owens	Columbus, Ohio	TBA
May 10	Minnesota Invitational	Bierman Field	9 a.m.
May 17	Minnesota Last Chance	Bierman Field	TBA
May 23-24	Big Ten Outdoor Champ.	Champaign, Ill.	TBA
June 4-7	NCAA Outdoor Champ.	Bloomington, Ind.	TBA

MINNESOTA INVITE NEXT FOR GOPHERS:

The men's track and field team will host the Minnesota Invitational at the U of M Fieldhouse on Jan. 25. Teams expected to compete in the meet are Iowa, Iowa State, Manitoba and St. Cloud State. The meet is scheduled to start at 9 a.m.

JENSEN PROVISIONALLY QUALIFIES FOR NCAA MEET IN POLE VAULT:

Minnesota sophomore **BENJAMIN JENSEN** (Mandal, Norway) provisionally qualified for the NCAA meet in the pole vault with a mark of 17-2 1/4 at the Badger Classic on Jan. 18. Jensen won the event and owns a personal best mark of 17-4 1/2 in the pole vault.

GOPHERS CLAIM FIVE TITLES AT BADGER CLASSIC:

In addition to Jensen's win in the pole vault, the Gophers claimed four other titles at the Badger Classic on Jan. 18. Freshman **JASON OWEN** (Stewartville, Minn.) won the mile with a time of 4:18.70. Senior **TIM VAN VOORHIS** (Apple Valley, Minn.) won the 200 meters with a time of 22.29. Junior **WIL KURTH** (Rochester, Minn.) won the high jump at 6-9 1/2, and junior **CHAD YENCHESKY** (DePere, Wis.) won the shot put at 56-11 1/4.

GOPHER RESULTS FROM THE BADGER CLASSIC:

55 Meter Hurdles: 3. N. Deneen, Minn., 7.58; 4. B. Jensen, Minn., 7.63; 5. A. Wheatcraft, Minn., 7.80.

Mile Run: 1. J. Owen, Minn., 4:18.70; 2. R. Hoffner, Minn., 4:26.61; 3. T. Riter, Minn., 4:29.19.

400 Meter Run: 2. A. Freed, Minn., 48.88.

Shot Put: 1. C. Yenchesky, Minn., 17.35m (56-11 1/4); 3. J. Marsh, Minn. 16.56m (54-4); 4. J. Asher, Minn., 16.13m (53-5 3/4); 7. A. Reed, Minn., 6.52m (50-4 3/4); 13. S. Mischke, Minn., 11.76m (38-7).

Long Jump: 4. A. Freed, Minn., 6.52m (21-4 3/4); 7. J. Anderson, Minn., 6.20m (20-4 1/4).

200 Meter Dash: 1. T. VanVoorhis, Minn., 22.29.

High Jump: 1. Wil Kurth, Minn., 2.07m (6-9 1/2).

3,000 Meters: 2. N. Clay, Minn., 8:50.62; 3. C. McClure, Minn., 8:54.44; 4. T. Landgraff, Minn., 8:57.82.

Pole Vault: B. Jensen, Minn., 5.24m (17-2 1/4), NCAA Provisional; 3. S. Mischke, Minn., 5.04m (16-6 1/2).



TENNIS

NETTERS TRAVEL TO BIG TEN SINGLES:

The Golden Gophers will travel to Champaign, Ill., this weekend for the Big Ten Indoor Singles Championships. Action begins Saturday morning, Jan. 25, and will conclude with the finals on Monday afternoon, Jan. 27. Last season Golden Gopher **BEN GABLER** (Sr., Chambersburg, Pa.) advanced to the finals of the tournament, bowing to Peter Pusztai of Michigan by the count of 6-3, 6-4.

OPEN DUAL MEET SEASON BY DOWNING

ARIZONA STATE: The University of Minnesota men's tennis team defeated the Arizona State University Sun Devils by the score of 4-3 in dual meet action on Jan. 19 at the 98th Street Club in Bloomington, Minn.

Winning their respective singles matches for Minnesota were sophomores **TOM CHICOINE** (No. 1, Neenah, Wis.) and **JOHN CHEREGI** (No. 3, Skokie, Ill.) and junior **ROBIN RUTILI** (No. 6, Palo Alto, Calif.). The Gophers earned the match victory by winning two of three doubles matches for the deciding fourth point. The No. 1 doubles team of Rutili and Cheregi and the No. 2 doubles team of sophomore **ADAM SELKIRK** (St. Joseph, Mo.) and Chicoine each won their respective matches.

MEET RESULTS

Minnesota 4, Arizona State 3

Singles

- No. 1 - Tom Chicoine (UM) def. Sergio Elias, 6-2, 6-4
- No. 2 - A. Osterrieth (ASU) def. Adam Selkirk, 7-5, 6-7, Ret.
- No. 3 - John Cheregi (UM) def. Amir Ran, 7-6, 6-4
- No. 4 - G. Marcaccio (ASU) def. M. Kristoffersen, 7-6, 6-2
- No. 5 - Ed Carter (ASU) def. Martin Michalowski, 7-5, 6-2
- No. 6 - Robin Rutili (UM) def. Carey Bjorkman, 7-5, 6-3

Doubles

- No. 1 - Rutili/Cheregi (UM) def. Osterrieth/Ran, 8-5
- No. 2 - Selkirk/Chicoine (UM) def. Elias/Marcaccio, 9-8
- No. 3 - Carter/Casey Was (ASU) def. Kristoffersen/Michalowski, 8-4

ON THE HORIZON: Minnesota will take a week off from competition before heading to Dallas, Texas, for the Rolex National Indoors from Feb. 6-9.



SWIMMING AND DIVING

UP NEXT: The ninth-ranked Minnesota men's swimming and diving team will host the Iowa Hawkeyes in a dual meet Saturday at 4p.m. at the Aquatic Center.

The Golden Gophers will enter this weekend's action 5-0 after a dual win over Northwestern last weekend. Minnesota and Iowa were supposed to compete in a dual meet last season (Jan. 27) but due to inclement weather in Iowa, the Hawkeyes couldn't make the trip. The last time the two schools competed in a dual meet was during the 1994-95 season when the Hawkeyes claimed a 145-138 victory in Iowa City, Iowa.

POWER SWIMMER: The Powerbar Swimmer of the Meet for the dual against Northwestern is sophomore **MARTIN ZIELINSKI** (Bloomington, Minn.). Zielinski finished first in the 100 fly (48.56) setting a new Northwestern pool record while the time is the best in the Big Ten and in the top five in the country.

LAST WEEK: The Golden Gophers topped Northwestern last Saturday in dual meet action in Evanston, Ill. Minnesota defeated the Wildcats by the score of 181.50 to 116.50.

BILL BISHOP (Fr., Barrington, Ill.) captured the 1000 freestyle and placed second in 200 fly and 500 freestyle to lead the Golden Gophers. Other individual event winners for Minnesota were Martin Zielinski (100 fly), **YOAV MEIRI** (Fr., Jerusalem, Israel) (200 fly), **TY BATHURST** (Jr., Albuquerque, N.M.) (50 Freestyle), **MATT SCHLESSMAN** (Sr., Avon, Ohio) (100 freestyle), **ISAAC BJORKLUND** (Sr., New Brighton, Minn.) (One Meter Diving), **MATT NINNE-MAN** (Jr., Madison, Wis.) (Three Meter Diving) and **JONATHAN MCLEOD** (So., Regina, Sask., Canada) (200 IM). Zielinski's time in the 100 fly (48.56) set a new pool record and is currently the best in the Big Ten and in the top five in the country.

Event Results

200 Medley Relay: 1. Minn. B (Erick Hulseman, Oscar Godoi, Martin Zielinski, Ty Bathurst), 1:32.40; 2. NU A, 1:33.10; 3. Minn A (Ryan Crosby, Marc Teichman, Mitch Henke, Jeremy Witikko), 1:36.50; 4. NU B, 1:37.10.

1000 Free: 1. B. Bishop, Minn., 9:16.60; 2. J. Miller, NU, 9:33.82; 3. Mike Jacob, NU, 9:38.18; 4. B. Stroshane, Minn., 9:42.78.

200 Free: 1. S. Smale, NU, 1:40.00; 2. J. Riens, Minn., 1:42.68; 3. Luis Lopez, Minn., 1:42.92; 4. Steve Harms, NU, 1:43.45.

100 Back: 1. B. Walters, NU, 50.35; 2. E. Hulseman, Minn., 51.67; 3. Ryan Crosby, Minn., 52.21; 4. Bill Johnson, NU, 52.47.

100 Breaststroke: 1. R. Rausch, NU, 56.54; 2. O. Godoi, Minn., 57.98; 3. M. Henke, Minn., 58.35; 4. M. Schlessman, Minn., 59.27.

200 Fly: 1. Y. Meiri, Minn., 1:50.91; 2. B. Bishop, Minn., 1:54.01; 3. J. Koshiba, NU, 1:54.13; 4. M. Teichman, Minn., 1:58.00.

50 Free: 1. T. Bathurst, Minn., 20.93; 2. S. McCowen, NU, 21.36; 3. M. Zielinski, Minn., 21.46; 4. J. Rients, Minn., 21.76.

1-meter Diving: 1. I. Bjorklund, Minn., 258.53; 2. M. Ninneman, Minn., 257.79; 3. S. Miller, NU, 240.00; 4. N. Eckert, NU, 228.98.

100 Free: 1. M. Schlessman, Minn., 45.79; 2. S. Smale, NU, 46.11; 3. S. McCowen, NU, 46.38; 4. L. Lopez, Minn., 46.71.

200 Back: 1. B. Walters, NU, 1:50.05; 2. R. Crosby, Minn., 1:54.11; 3. B. Johnson, NU, 1:54.32; 4. E. Hulseman, Minn., 1:55.79.

200 Breast: 1. R. Rausch, NU, 2:03.93; 2. J. McCleod, Minn., 2:08.81; 3. B. Howard, Minn., 2:10.68; 4. O. Godoi, Minn., 2:11.03.

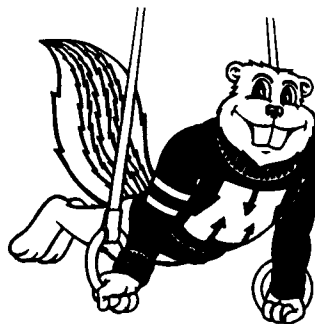
500 Free: 1. S. Harms, NU, 4:35.06; 2. B. Bishop, Minn., 4:36.39; 3. M. Jacob, 4:38.01; 4. B. Strohane, Minn., 4:39.57.

100 Fly: 1. M. Zielinski, Minn., 48.56; 2. J. Cahoy, Minn., 50.72; 3. Y. Meiri, Minn., 51:48; 4. M. Teichman, Minn., 53.10.

3 Meter Diving: 1. M. Ninneman, Minn., 279.00; 2. I. Bjorklund, Minn., 277.66; 3. N. Eckert, NU, 266.93; 4. S. Miller, NU, 240.68.

200 IM: 1. J. McCleod, Minn., 1:53.30; 2. J. Rodriguez, Minn., 1:55.55; 3. Bill Johnson, NU, 1:56.58; 4. R. Rausch, NU, 1:57.23.

400 Free Relay: 1. NU A, 3:04.00; 2. Minn. B, (J. Rients, M. Schlessman, J. Cahoy, T. Bathurst), 3:04.00; 3. Minn. A, (J. Witikko, A. Frankow, B. Strohane, B. Carlson), 3:12.15; 4. Minn. C, (R. Crosby, Y. Meiri, E. Hulseman, B. Kusmak), 3:14.35.



GYMNASTICS

MEN'S GYMNASTS PLACE SEVENTH AT WINDY CITY INVITE:

The University of Minnesota men's gymnastics team finished seventh in the twelve-team Windy City Invitational late Saturday night. Minnesota scored 211.90 team points, 14.75 points behind champion Ohio State.

TICKNOR LEADS UM ALL-AROUND FINISHERS:

Senior co-captain **FRANK TICKNOR** (Milwaukee, Wis.) was the top finisher in the all-around competition for the Golden Gophers, scoring 54.40, which was good for 10th place. Freshman **LINDSEY FANG** (Allentown, Pa.) made his official debut as a Golden Gopher, finishing 18th in the all-around with 51.30 total points.

WALL TOP GOPHER FINISHER IN EVENT COMPETITION:

In the individual event competition, senior co-captain **HEATH WALL** (Sterling Heights, Mich.) finished fifth in the still rings with score of 9.45, while Ticknor finished seventh with a 9.40 in that same event. Sophomore **JASON KROB** (St. Charles, Mo.) placed seventh on the pommel horse with a 9.45.

TEAM RANKED EIGHTH IN PRESEASON POLL:

The Golden Gophers are ranked eighth in the preseason coaches poll released January 7. Six of Minnesota's opponents this season rank in the top 20: Ohio State (1), Nebraska (4), Iowa (5), New Mexico (10), Michigan State (13) and Illinois-Chicago (15).

GYMNASTS TO TRAVEL TO IOWA AFTER WEEK OFF:

The Golden Gophers take a week off before beginning the dual meet season against No. 5 Iowa at Iowa City, Iowa, on Fri., Jan. 31. The Golden Gophers return home on Saturday, Feb. 8, for dual meets against Michigan and No. 13 Michigan State. at 1 p.m.

WINDY CITY INVITATIONAL RESULTS:

Final Team Results:

Ohio State	226.650
Illinois	223.450
Iowa	221.250
Penn State	220.950
Michigan St.	220.050
UIC	216.600
Minnesota	211.900
Michigan	209.000
Syracuse	152.950
Bye 3	152.950
Bye 1	57.750
Bye 2	25.700

Minnesota Finishers in the All-Around:

10. Frank Ticknor - 54.400; 18. Lindsey Fang - 51.300; 23. George Beatty - 41.000; 27. Heath Wall - 34.200

Floor Exercise:

15. George Beatty - 9.300 and Frank Ticknor - 9.300; 55. Lindsey Fang - 8.200; 57. Chad Conner - 7.950

Pommel Horse:

7. Jason Krob - 9.450; 13. Robert Hubbard - 9.150; 28. Frank Ticknor - 8.850; 40. Lindsey Fang - 8.250; 47. George Beatty - 8.000; 49. Heath Wall - 7.950

Still Rings:

5. Heath Wall - 9.450; 7. Frank Ticknor - 9.400; 37. Lindsey Fang - 8.700; 38. Dan Boots - 8.600; 48. Matt Kieffer - 8.200; George Beatty - 7.850

Vault:

14. Frank Ticknor - 9.300; 39. Lindsey Fang - 8.950; 42. Chad Conner - 8.850; 44. Dan Boots - 8.750; Robert Hubbard - 8.700; 53. George Beatty - 8.550

Parallel Bars:

15. Robert Hubbard - 9.250; 28. Lindsey Fang - 8.800; 42. Frank Ticknor - 8.400; 46. Chad Conner - 8.200; 49. Heath Wall - 7.500; 51. George Beatty - 7.300

Horizontal Bar:

11. Heath Wall - 9.300; 15. Frank Ticknor - 9.150; 39. Lindsey Fang - 8.400; 45. Dan Boots - 7.950; 51. Robert Hubbard - 7.300



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Gopher Hotline

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Monday, January 27:

Sophomore wrestler **Chad Kraft**

Tuesday, January 28:

Head Basketball Coach **Clem Haskins' Media Luncheon**

Wednesday, January 29:

Junior defenseman **Mike Crowley**

Thursday, January 30:

Freshman defenseman **Ben Clymer**

Friday, January 31:

Junior forward **Sam Jacobson**

Saturday, February 1 - Sunday, February 2:

Senior guard **Bobby Jackson**

DON'T FORGET MARCH MADNESS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA...

The University of Minnesota will host these major championships in the month of March!

- March 8-9 Big Ten Wrestling @ Williams Arena
- March 13-15 WCHA Final Five @ St. Paul Civic Center
- March 22-23 Big Ten Gymnastics @ Sports Pavilion
- March 27-29 NCAA Swimming and Diving @ U. of M. Aquatic Center

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This Week in Gopher Sports

Friday,
Jan. 27

- **Track & Field** at Mercantile Bank Invitational UNI-Dome Cedar Falls, Iowa, 4 p.m.
- **Swimming** Quad Duals U of M Aquatic Center, 6 p.m.
- **Gymnastics** at Iowa Hawkeyes Iowa Fieldhouse Iowa City, Iowa, 7 p.m.
- **Hockey** at North Dakota Sioux Ralph Engelstad Arena Grand Forks, N.D. Midwest Sports Channel KSTP-AM 1500, 7:30 p.m.
- **Wrestling** at Oklahoma State Cowboys Gallagher-Iba Arena Stillwater, Okla., 7:30 p.m.

Saturday,
Feb. 1

- **Swimming** Quad Duals U of M Aquatic Center, Noon
- **Basketball** at Northwestern Wildcats Welsh-Ryan Arena Evanston, Ill. Midwest Sports Channel WCCO-AM 830, 7 p.m.
- **Hockey** at North Dakota Sioux Ralph Engelstad Arena Grand Forks, N.D. KSTP-AM 1500, 7:30 p.m. Midwest Sports Channel (Tape delay following Gopher basketball at approximately 9 p.m.)

Sunday,
Feb. 2

- **Wrestling** vs. Wisconsin Badgers Williams Arena Midwest Sports Channel, 2:30 p.m.



WRESTLING

1996-97 WRESTLING SCHEDULE

DATE	MEET	PLACE	SCORE/TIME
All Unattached			
Nov. 16	Bison Open	Fargo, N.D.	All Day
Nov. 23	UNO Open	Omaha, Neb.	All Day
Nov. 29	Northern Open	Madison, Wis.	All Day
Official Team Schedule			
Nov. 22	North Dakota St.	Fargo, N.D.	W, 42-3
Dec. 6	Northwestern	Williams	W, 35-3
Dec. 15	Clarion Duals	Clarion, Pa.	1st Place
		- Ohio U	W, 39-4
		- Clarion	W, 34-9
		- Rider	W, 27-12
Dec. 17	S. Connecticut St.	New Haven, Conn.	W, 46-6
Jan. 4	Iowa State	Williams	L, 16-19
Jan. 7	Nebraska	Lincoln, Neb.	W, 29-12
Jan. 10	South Dakota St.	Williams	Cancelled
Jan. 18-19	National Duals	Lincoln, Neb.	3rd Place
		- Missouri Valley	W, 48-0
		- Penn State	W, 21 -10
		- Iowa	L, 23-12
		- Michigan State	W, 28-9
		- Penn State	W, 19-15
Jan. 24	Iowa	Iowa City, Iowa	L, 29-12
Jan. 31	Oklahoma State	Stillwater, Okla.	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 2	Wisconsin	Williams	2:30 p.m.
Feb. 9	Penn State	Pavilion	2:30 p.m.
Feb. 15	Michigan State	East Lansing, Mich.	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 16	Michigan	Ann Arbor, Mich.	1:00 p.m.
Feb. 23	Ohio State	Pavilion	2:30 p.m.
Mar. 8-9	Big Ten's	Home	All Day
Mar. 20-22	NCAA's	Cedar Falls, Iowa	All Day

Bold indicates home meets

NO. 1 OKLAHOMA STATE NEXT FOR

WRESTLERS: The third-ranked Minnesota wrestling team will travel to Stillwater, Okla., to face the No. 1 Oklahoma State Cowboys in dual meet action beginning at 7:30 p.m. in Gallagher-Iba Arena. The Cowboys were ranked No. 2 most of the year until they knocked off the Iowa Hawkeyes, 21-13, in the championship match at the National Duals in Lincoln, Neb.

THE RECORDS: Minnesota enters the Oklahoma State match with an 11-3 overall record and 1-1 mark in the Big Ten.

The Golden Gophers dropped a 29-12 decision to the Iowa Hawkeyes on Jan. 24, but placed third at the National Duals on Jan. 19 by posting a 4-1 record, which included two wins over No. 4 Penn State. Minnesota's lone defeat was

against Iowa (23-12).

Oklahoma State is 15-0 overall and 2-0 in the Big 12 conference. The Cowboys defeated the No. 7 Iowa State Cyclones, 18-15, in Ames, Iowa on Jan. 26. The Cowboys have won 19 dual matches in a row

Wisconsin is 6-5-1 overall and 0-1 in the Big Ten. The Badgers lost to Iowa, 31-4 on Jan. 25.

THE COACH: Minnesota's J Robinson (Oklahoma State, '69) is currently in his 11th year and has guided the Golden Gophers to a 143-73-3 record and two runner-up Big Ten finishes. Robinson has coached 10 Big Ten champions and 23 NCAA All-Americans in his career. He is 11-3 in 1996-97.

GOPHER PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP VS OKLAHOMA STATE AND WISCONSIN:

Weight	Wrestler	Record (Overall, Dual)
118	No. 6 Brandon Paulson	16-2, 7-2
126	Ty Friederichs	12-9, 5-4
134	Nick Antila	11-5, 2-1
142	No. 3 Jason Davids	22-2, 12-1
150	No. 4 Chad Kraft	17-2, 11-2
158	Josh Holiday	18-7, 9-3
167	No. 3 Zac Taylor	15-2, 11-2
177	Brandon Eggum	14-3, 10-3
190	No. 3 Tim Hartung	20-0, 12-0
HWT	Shelton Benjamin	14-8, 3-6

COWBOY PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP VS MINNESOTA:

Weight	Wrestler	Record (Overall, Dual)
118	No. 2 Teague Moore	18-1, 14-0
126	No. 1 Eric Guerrero	19-1, 14-1
134	No. 3 Steven Schmidt	16-2, 12-1
142	No. 4 Scott Reyna	18-1, 15-0
150	No. 9 Jimmy Arias	14-6, 8-5
158	No. 4 Hardell Moore	17-2, 13-1
167	No. 1 Mark Branch	19-0, 15-0
177	No. 4 Mark Smith	15-3, 12-3
190	No. 9 Aaron Strobel	12-4, 10-3
HWT	Ben Lee	13-4, 8-3
	OR Denshio Cook	1-1, 1-1

BADGER PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP VS MINNESOTA:

Weight	Wrestler	Record (Overall, Dual)
118	Matt Goldstein	8-6, 2-3
126	No. 2 Eric Jetton	19-2, 10-1
134	Mark Beebe	9-4, 5-3
142	Dusty Coufal	8-8, 6-6
150	Zach Anderson	5-15, 1-11
158	Kole Clauson	10-8, 6-6
167	No. 5 Kevin Wilmot	21-2, 12-0
177	No. 12 Aaron Stark	17-5, 8-2
190	Chad Lipton	12-7, 5-4
HWT	Matt Schneider	4-12, 1-10

HARTUNG REMAINS UNBEATEN: Sophomore 190-pounder **TIM HARTUNG** (Durand, Wis.) is the lone Gopher to remain undefeated with a 20-0 record. Hartung did not wrestle against Iowa because of a minor knee injury he suffered at the National Duals. Hartung, who was rated seventh, went 5-0 at the recent National Duals to move up to the No. 3 spot at 190. He knocked off No. 2 Lee Fullhart of Iowa, 4-2 in OT, and No. 5 Brian Picklo of Michigan State, 1-0 in OT at the duals.

GOPHER WRESTLERS LOSE TO IOWA FOR THE SECOND TIME THIS YEAR: The Golden Gopher wrestling team was defeated by No. 2 Iowa, 29-12, on Jan. 24, in Iowa City.

Minnesota managed only three wins in 10 matches. No. 3 **CHAD KRAFT** (Jr., 150, Lakefield, Minn.) pinned Iowa's Eric Kobel to record half of Minnesota's points. No. 3 **ZAC TAYLOR** (Jr., 167, Sandpoint, Idaho) mustered out a 3-1 decision victory over Mike Uker and **BRANDON EGGUM** (Sidney, Mont.) won the third and final decision for Minnesota with a 14-8 decision over Matt Hoover. Second-ranked **JASON DAVIDS** (Jr., 142, Forest Lake, Minn.) was upset by Kasey Gilliss 8-3. **BRANDON PAULSON** (Jr., 118, Coon Rapids, Minn.) and Hartung did not compete against the Hawkeyes because of injuries suffered at the National Duals on Jan. 18-19.

PAULSON AND HARTUNG EXPECTED TO WRESTLE THIS WEEKEND: Paulson and Hartung are expected back in the Gopher lineup this weekend against Oklahoma State and Wisconsin. Paulson missed the Iowa match with an ankle injury he suffered against Penn State at the National Duals. Hartung was kept out of the Iowa match because of a minor ligament stretch he suffered at the National Duals.

DAVIDS LOSES FIRST DUAL MATCH: Davids dropped his first dual match this season when he was defeated by Iowa's Kasey Gilliss. Davids, who is ranked third, still holds a 22-2 overall record and 13-1 dual record.

WISCONSIN MATCH ON MSC: Sunday's match against the University of Wisconsin will be broadcast live by Midwest Sports Channel at 2:30 p.m. The announcers for the telecast have not been determined.

SIX GOPHERS NATIONALLY RANKED:

The following Gophers are nationally ranked in their respective weight classes: Davids (No. 3 at 142), Taylor (No. 3 at 167), Hartung (No. 3 at 190), Kraft (No. 4 at 150), Paulson (No. 6 at 118) and Marr (No. 10 at 134).

GOPHERS RANKED THIRD IN LATEST

POLL: The Golden Gophers are ranked third in the Jan. 22, 1997, *Amateur Wrestling News/National Wrestling Coaches Association* poll.

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TRACK AND FIELD

1997 TRACK & FIELD SCHEDULE

Indoor Track & Field			
DATE	MEET	PLACE	RESULT/TIME
Jan. 4	Early Bird Open	UM Fieldhouse	No team scores
Jan. 11	Northwest Open	UM Fieldhouse	No team scores
Jan. 18	Badger Track Classic	Madison, Wis.	No team scores
Jan. 25	Minnesota Invite	UM Fieldhouse	No team scores
Manitoba, Drake, Marquette, Iowa			
Jan 31	Mercantile Bank Invite	Cedar Falls, Iowa	TBA
Feb. 7-8	Iowa State Invitational	Ames, Iowa	TBA
Feb. 8	Indianapolis Invitational	Indianapolis, Ind.	TBA
Feb. 14	Snowshoe Open	UM Fieldhouse	6 p.m.
Feb. 22-23	Big Ten Indoor Champ.	Iowa City, Iowa	TBA
Feb. 28	NCAA Qualifying Meet	Ames, Iowa	TBA
Mar. 7-8	NCAA Indoor Champ.	Indianapolis, Ind.	TBA
Outdoor Track & Field			
Mar. 28-29	Florida Relays	Gainesville, Fla.	TBA
Apr. 4-5	Texas Relays	Austin, Texas	TBA
Apr. 5	Cyclone Open	Ames, Iowa	TBA
Apr. 11-12	Sea Ray Relays	Knoxville, Tenn.	TBA
Apr. 19	Hawkeye Invitational	Iowa City, Iowa	TBA
Apr. 25-26	Drake Relays	Des Moines, Iowa	TBA
May 3	TBA	Bierman Field	TBA
May 4	Jesse Owens	Columbus, Ohio	TBA
May 10	Minnesota Invitational	Bierman Field	9 a.m.
May 17	Minnesota Last Chance	Bierman Field	TBA
May 23-24	Big Ten Outdoor Champ.	Champaign, Ill.	TBA
June 4-7	NCAA Outdoor Champ.	Bloomington, Ind.	TBA

MERCANTILE BANK INVITE NEXT FOR

GOPHERS: The men's track and field team will travel to Cedar Falls, Iowa, for the Mercantile Bank Invitational on Friday, Jan. 31 at 4 p.m. Representatives from Kansas, Iowa, Iowa State, Drake, Minnesota and host Northern Iowa are expected to compete.

HARVEY AND KURTH PROVISIONALLY QUALIFY FOR NCAA MEET:

Minnesota senior **TYE HARVEY** (Jamestown, Calif.) and junior **WIL KURTH** (Rochester, Minn.) provisionally qualified for the NCAA meet after their performances in the Minnesota Invite on Jan. 25. Harvey qualified in the pole vault with a mark of 17-4 1/2 and Kurth qualified in the high jump with a leap of 7-1. Kurth won the high jump and Harvey finished second in the pole vault.

GOPHERS CLAIM THREE TITLES AT MINNESOTA INVITE:

The Gophers claimed three individual titles at the Minnesota Invite. Freshman **ADAM FREED** (Proctor, Minn.) won the 400 meter dash at 49.47, junior Kurth (Rochester, Minn.) won the high jump at 7-1 and senior **TONY RITER** (Shoreview, Minn.) won the 3,000 meter run at 4:40.48.

GOPHER RESULTS FROM THE MINNESOTA INVITE:

400 Meter Dash

1. Adam Freed, Minnesota, 49.46.

800 Meter Run

3. Jason Owen, Minnesota, 1:52.24; 4. Ron Hoffner, Minnesota, 1:53.63.

Mile Run

3. Nathaniel Clay, Minnesota, 4:18.90; 6. Jeremy Polson, Minnesota, 4:20.11; 7. Charles McClure, Minnesota, 4:20.45; 11. Todd Landgraff, Minnesota, 4:23.26; 13. Rick Obleman, Minnesota, 4:25.96; 15. Allen Broderius, Minnesota, 4:31.25.

3000 Meter Run

1. Tony Riter, Minnesota, 8:40.48; 5. Chris Anderson, Minnesota, 8:46.00; 6. Michael Stoick, Minnesota, 8:46.54.

55m High Hurdles

3. Niles Deneen, Minnesota, 7.54; 5. Aaron Wheatcraft, Minnesota, 7.80.

4x400 Meter Relay

4. Minnesota 4x4, Minnesota, 3:26.86

Long Jump

6. Adam Freed, Minnesota, 21-4 1/4 (6.51m).

Shot Put

3. Chad Yenchesky, Minnesota, 55-6 1/2 (16.93m); 6. Jeff Marsh, Minnesota, 52-8 1/4 (16.06m); 7. Justin Asher, Minnesota, 52-2 3/4 (15.92m).

High Jump

1. Wil Kurth, Minnesota, 7-1 (2.16m).

Pole Vault

2. Tye Harvey, Minnesota, 17-4 1/2 (5.30m); 4. Benjamin Jensen, Minnesota, 17-0 3/4 (5.20m); 5. Seth Mischke, Minnesota, 16-0 3/4 (4.90m);

Pentathlon

4. Jonathan Anderson, Minnesota, 2597.



TENNIS

NETTERS TAKE TIME OFF BEFORE HOSTING #9 KANSAS: The Golden Gophers will be idle from competition until hosting Kansas in a match on Feb. 15 at 6:30 p.m., at the 98th Street Club in Bloomington, Minn. The Golden Gophers are 42nd in the latest Rolex/ITA Collegiate Tennis Rankings, while the perennially-strong Jayhawks are ninth in the country.

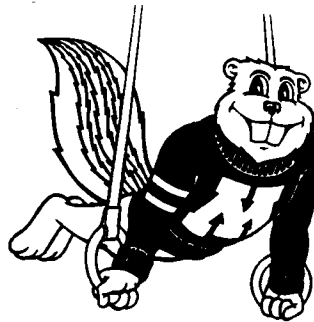
RESULTS FROM BIG TEN SINGLES TOURNAMENT: Sophomore **TOM CHICOINE** (Neeah, Wis.) offered Minnesota's best showing at the 1997 Big Ten Indoor Singles Championships last weekend in Champaign, Ill. Chicoine advanced to the third round of the tournament before bowing to Matt Wright of Michigan in three sets (5-7, 6-3, 6-2). Chicoine had dispatched Jeff Martini of Penn State in round one (6-3, 6-3) and Jake Raiton of Michigan (6-3, 6-3) in round two on Saturday. Chicoine's team-best singles record now stands at 15-3 on the young season.

Junior **ROBIN RUTILI** (Palo Alto, Calif.) and sophomore **ADAM SELKIRK** (St. Joseph, Mo.) both won first-round matches Saturday before being eliminated in the second round. Sophomore **JOHN CHEREGI** (Skokie, Ill.) won three matches in the consolation bracket after losing his first-round match.

Clearly one of the biggest upsets of the tournament was Minnesota's senior captain **BEN GABLER** (Chambersburg, Pa.), the tournament's fifth seed, losing in the first round to unseeded Mike Goldstein of Wisconsin in straight sets (6-3, 7-6). Gabler advanced to the championship match of the tourney last season.

The tournament concludes with the semifinals and finals Monday on the campus of the University of Illinois. Complete tournament brackets and results can be obtained through the Big Ten's fax-on-demand system, cell number 1255.

ON THE HORIZON: Minnesota will open Big Ten dual match play on Feb. 21 when they travel to Bloomington, Ind., to challenge the Hoosiers. The Golden Gophers will move on to Columbus, Ohio the following day (Feb. 22) for a match against the Ohio State Buckeyes.



GYMNASTICS

GYMNASTS BEGIN BIG TEN SEASON WITH IOWA DUAL: The eighth-ranked Golden Gophers travel to Iowa City, Iowa, to face the fifth-ranked Hawkeyes for the first dual meet of the season Friday at 7 p.m. Last season Iowa edged Minnesota 225.45-219.25 at the Sports Pavilion, but Minnesota leads the overall series 37-33-1.

GOPHERS RANKED EIGHTH IN PRESEASON POLL: The Golden Gophers are ranked eighth in the preseason coaches poll released January 7. Six of Minnesota's opponents this season rank in the top 20: Ohio State (1), Nebraska (4), Iowa (5), New Mexico (10), Michigan State (13) and Illinois-Chicago (15).

GYMNASTS RETURN HOME FOR DUALS NEXT WEEK: Minnesota will host Michigan and Michigan State next week in the first home dual meets of the season. The competition will begin at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8 in the Sports Pavilion.



SWIMMING AND DIVING

1996-97 SWIMMING & DIVING SCHEDULE

DATE	MEET	RESULT/TIME
Oct. 19	Alumni Meet (Aquatic Center)	Non-Scored
Oct. 26	Intra-squad (Aquatic Center)	G-153.5, M-139.5
Nov. 1	Tar Heel Invitational (Chapel Hill, N.C.)	Non-Scored
Nov. 2	North Carolina (Chapel Hill, N.C.)	W 153-145
Nov. 16	Nebraska (Aquatic Center)	W 175-125
Nov. 22	Minnesota Invite (Aquatic Center)	1st/1,409
Dec. 20	Miami (Miami, Fla.)	W 66-47
Jan. 10	Kansas (Aquatic Center)	W 163-80
Jan. 11	Gold Country Invite (Aquatic Center)	1st/1,221
Jan. 18	Northwestern (Evanston, Ill.)	W 181.5-116.5
Jan. 25	Iowa (Aquatic Center)	W 210-89
Jan. 31	Quad Duals - Purdue & Wisconsin (AC)	6 p.m.
Feb. 14	Minnesota Challenge (Aquatic Center)	6 p.m.
Feb. 27	Big Ten Championships (Bloomington, Ind)	11 a.m.
Mar. 6	Go-Pher-It Invitational (Aquatic Center)	3 p.m.
Mar. 14	NCAA Diving - Zone Qualifying (AC)	TBA
Mar. 27	NCAA Championships (Aquatic Center)	Noon

UP NEXT: The ninth-ranked Minnesota men's swimming and diving team will host the Quad Duals Friday at 6 p.m. and Saturday at noon at the Aquatic Center. Purdue and Wisconsin are set to compete.

The Golden Gophers will enter this weekend's action 6-0 after a dual win over Iowa last weekend. Last season, Minnesota defeated Wisconsin 149-96 at the Quad Duals in Madison and beat Purdue 256-112 at the Double Duals in Indianapolis, Ind. The meet is co-ed with Illinois sending its woman's team but the Illini do not have a men's team, so only men's teams will compete.

LAST WEEK: The Golden Gophers won 14 of 16 events en route to a 210-89 dual win over Iowa last Saturday afternoon at the U of M Aquatic Center. The Golden Gophers upped their dual record to 6-0 overall and 2-0 in the Big Ten.

MATT SCHLESSMAN (Sr., Avon, Ohio), **MANOLIS LENTARIS** (Jr., Hania, Creete, Greece) and **MARTIN ZIELINSKI** (So., Bloomington, Minn.) led the Golden Gophers to victory. Schlessman captured event titles in the 50 free and 100 free while Lentaris won the 200 free and 100 backstroke. Zielinski earned the top spots in the 100 fly and 200 back.

The 200 medley relay squad of **ERIEK HULSEMAN** (Jr., Edina, Minn.) **OSCAR GODOI** (Fr., Sao Jose do Rio Preto, Brazil) Zielinski and **TY BATHURST** (Jr., Albuquerque, N.M.) set a Big Ten best time of 1:31.23 clipping the previous mark set by Wisconsin at 1:31.44.

GOPHER RESULTS FROM THE IOWA DUAL:

200 Medley Relay: 1. Minn. A (E. Hulseman, O. Godoi, M. Zielinski, T. Bathurst), 1:31.23; 2. Minn. B (Y. Meiri, M. Henke, J. Cahoy, J. Riens), 1:34.08; 5. Minn. C (R. Crosby, R. Gardiner, M. Teichman, A. Frankow), 1:37.26;

1650 Freestyle: 1. B. Bishop, Minn., 15:31.81; 2. J. Miller, Minn., 15:57.27; 3. B. Strohane, Minn., 16:16.32; 4. B. Howard, Minn., 16:36.36.

200 Freestyle: 1. M. Lentaris, Minn., 1:38.87; 4. B. Carlson, Minn., 1:43.23; 6. J. Witikko, Minn., 1:44.70.

100 Backstroke: 1. M. Lentaris, Minn., 49.35; 2. E. Hulseman, Minn., 51.31; 4. R. Crosby, Minn., 51.88; 6. J. Rodriguez, Minn., 53.51.

100 Breaststroke: 1. O. Godoi, Minn., 57.11; 2. M. Henke, Minn., 57.87; 6. M. Teichman, Minn., 59.83.

200 Butterfly: 1. Y. Meiri, Minn., 1:51.33; 2. J. McLeod, Minn., 1:51.60; 4. J. Cahoy, Minn., 1:53.17.

50 Freestyle: 1. M. Schlessman, Minn., 20.84; 2. T. Bathurst, Minn., 20.92; 3. J. Riens, Minn., 21.09; 4. L. Lopez, Minn., 21.20.

1-Meter Diving: 2. M. Ninneman, Minn., 299.48; 3. I. Bjorklund, Minn., 299.03.

100 Freestyle: 1. M. Schlessman, Minn., 45.00; 2. J. Riens, Minn., 45.99; 3. L. Lopez, Minn., 46.40; 6. J. Witikko, Minn., 47.81.

200 Backstroke: 1. M. Zielinski, Minn., 1:48.53; 3. R. Crosby, Minn., 1:52.00; 4. J. McLeod, Minn., 1:53.03; 5. E. Hulseman, Minn., 1:53.55.

200 Breaststroke: 2. J. Rodriguez, Minn., 2:06.89; 4. M. Henke, Minn., 2:07.61; 5. O. Godoi, Minn., 2:09.42.

500 Freestyle: 1. B. Bishop, Minn., 4:30.90; 2. M. Lentaris, Minn., 4:35.53; 3. J. Miller, Minn., 4:39.47; 4. B. Strohane, Minn., 4:43.15.

100 Butterfly: 1. M. Zielinski, Minn., 49.48; 2. J. Cahoy, Minn., 50.24; 3. M. Schlessman, Minn., 50.81; 6. L. Lopez, Minn., 52.53.

3-Meter Diving: 1. M. Ninneman, Minn., 312.30; 2. I. Bjorklund, Minn., 311.10.

200 IM: 1. J. McLeod, Minn., 1:51.89.

400 Freestyle Relay: 1. Minn. A (J. Riens, J. Cahoy, L. Lopez, M. Schlessman), 3:02.67.



BASEBALL

SIXTH ANNUAL PRO-ALUMNI GAME AT THE METRODOME FEBRUARY 3:

The University of Minnesota's baseball team will play its sixth annual Pro-Alumni baseball game on Monday, February 3, at 6:30 p.m. at the Metrodome. For the past five years, former Golden Gopher greats get together to challenge the current Maroon and Gold squad in an event that introduces today's players to the program's stars of the past.

"Our professional alumni game is really an opportunity to celebrate our tradition," Head Coach John Anderson said. "But it's also for the players. The current players in the program have an opportunity to reflect on what some of the past tradition has been, what those people represent and the values they bring to the family here at the University of Minnesota."

This year's game will mark the third year in a row in which the local sports community has an opportunity to welcome home a former University of Minnesota player who will be wearing the pinstripes of the Minnesota Twins for the first time. Oakland Athletics veteran Terry Steinbach signed a free agent contract with the Twins this past offseason and he'll be in a Twins' uniform for the first time at the Pro-Alumni game. Last season, Paul Molitor made his Twins' uniform debut after playing with the Milwaukee Brewers and Toronto Blue Jays, and Dave Winfield donned his Twins uniform at the 1994 Pro-Alumni game after stints at San Diego, New York, Toronto and California.

Fans attending the game will receive a 1997 Minnesota Baseball schedule poster and drawings for autographed baseballs will be held throughout the game.

Tickets for the game are \$6 at the door or those in attendance at Twinsfest can pick up a coupon for a two-for-one ticket offer at the University of Minnesota baseball booth. All proceeds benefit the Dick Siebert Scholarship Endowment Fund.

Pro-Alumni Game Activities:

- 3:40-4:40 p.m. Pro-Alumni batting practice
- 4:40-5:40 p.m. Golden Gopher batting practice
- 5:00 p.m. Gates open
- 5:40 p.m. Clear field
- 5:45 p.m. Pro-Alumni infield/outfield
- 5:55 p.m. Golden Gopher infield/outfield
- 6:10 p.m. Groudscrew
- 6:20 p.m. Introductions
- 6:30 p.m. National Anthem
- 6:35 p.m. First Pitch

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Gopher Hotline

The Golden Gopher Hotline features daily interviews with players and coaches. It is available to the media 24 hours a day by calling (612) 625-7887. The hotline is broadcast quality and is changed by noon each day. This service is for media use only. The schedule for this week is as follows:

Monday, Feb. 3:

Head Hockey Coach Doug Woog

Tuesday, Feb. 4:

Head Basketball Coach Clem Haskins' Media Luncheon

Wednesday, Feb. 5:

Senior center John Thomas

Head Football Coach Glen Mason (Available 5:30 p.m.)

Thursday, Feb. 6:

Head Football Coach Glen Mason

Friday, Feb. 7:

Junior goalie Steve DeBus

Saturday, February 8 - Sunday, February 9:

Assistant Coach Mike Guentzel's Postgame NMU Comments

This Week in Gopher Sports

Monday,
Feb. 5

• **Baseball**

vs. Pro-Alumni
Metrodome
WCCO-AM 830, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday,
Feb. 6

• **Basketball**

vs. Penn State Nittany Lions
Williams Arena
Midwest Sports Channel
WCCO-AM 830, 7 p.m.

Friday,
Feb. 7

• **Hockey**

vs. Northern Michigan Wildcats
Mariucci Arena
Midwest Sports Channel
KSTP-AM 1500, 7 p.m.

• **Track & Field**

at Iowa State Classic
Ames, Iowa, 6 p.m.

Saturday,
Feb. 8

• **Gymnastics**

vs. Michigan, Michigan State
Sports Pavilion, 1 p.m.

• **Hockey**

vs. Northern Michigan Wildcats
Mariucci Arena
Midwest Sports Channel
KSTP-AM 1500, 7 p.m.

• **Track & Field**

at Iowa State Classic
Ames, Iowa, 9 a.m.

Sunday,
Feb. 9

• **Wrestling**

vs. Penn State Nittany Lions
Sports Pavilion
Midwest Sports Channel, 2:30 p.m.

DON'T FORGET MARCH MADNESS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA...

The University of Minnesota will host these major championships in the month of March!

- March 8-9 Big Ten Wrestling @ Williams Arena
- March 13-15 WCHA Final Five @ St. Paul Civic Center
- March 22-23 Big Ten Gymnastics @ Sports Pavilion
- March 27-29 NCAA Swimming and Diving @ U of M Aquatic Center

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WRESTLING

1996-97 WRESTLING SCHEDULE

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		- Ohio U	W, 39-4
		- Clarion	W, 34-9
		- Rider	W, 27-12
Dec. 17	S. Connecticut St.	New Haven, Conn.	W, 46-6
Jan. 4	Iowa State	Williams	L, 16-19
Jan. 7	Nebraska	Lincoln, Neb.	W, 29-12
Jan. 10	South Dakota St.	Williams	Cancelled
Jan. 18-19	National Duals	Lincoln, Neb.	3rd Place
		- Missouri Valley	W, 48-0
		- Penn State	W, 21-10
		- Iowa	L, 23-12
		- Michigan State	W, 28-9
		- Penn State	W, 19-15
Jan. 24	Iowa	Iowa City, Iowa	L, 29-12
Jan. 31	Oklahoma State	Stillwater, Okla.	L, 26-10
Feb. 2	Wisconsin	Williams	W, 28-9
Feb. 9	Penn State	Pavilion	2:30 p.m.
Feb. 15	Michigan State	East Lansing, Mich.	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 16	Michigan	Ann Arbor, Mich.	1:00 p.m.
Feb. 23	Ohio State	Pavilion	2:30 p.m.
Mar. 8-9	Big Tens	Home	All Day
Mar. 20-22	NCAA's	Cedar Falls, Iowa	All Day

Bold indicates home meets

NO. 4 PENN STATE NEXT FOR WRESTLERS:

The third-ranked Minnesota wrestling team will host the No. 4 Penn State Nittany Lions on Sunday, Feb. 9, at the Sports Pavilion. Match time is scheduled for 2:30 p.m.

THE RECORDS: No. 3 Minnesota enters the Penn State match with a 12-4 overall record and 2-1 mark in the Big Ten.

The Golden Gophers dropped a 26-10 decision to the No. 1 Oklahoma State Cowboys on Jan. 31, but defeated the Wisconsin Badgers 28-9 on Feb. 2 to break a two-match losing streak that dated back to Jan. 24 when they lost to Iowa 29-12.

No. 4 Penn State is currently 11-3 overall and 3-1 in the Big Ten. PSU defeated No. 25 Pittsburgh, 28-9 on Jan. 31 and No. 19 Indiana, 37-6 on Feb. 1.

The Nittany Lions travel to Wisconsin on Feb. 8 for a dual against the Badgers before coming to Minnesota Sunday.

Minnesota defeated Penn State twice at the National Duals on Jan. 18-19 to take third place. The Golden Gophers defeated Penn State 21-10 in the second round and 19-15 to place third.

PENN STATE MATCH "LIVE" ON MSC:

Sunday's match against Penn State University will be broadcast live by Midwest Sports Channel at 2:30 p.m. Ryan Lefebvre will call the play-by-play and Minnesota All-American Willy Short will provide color commentary.

THE COACH: Minnesota's J Robinson (Oklahoma State, '69) is currently in his 11th year and has guided the Golden Gophers to a 144-74-3 record and two runner-up Big Ten finishes. Robinson has coached 10 Big Ten champions and 23 NCAA All-Americans in his career. He is 12-4 in 1996-97.

GOLDEN GOPHER PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP VS PENN STATE:

Weight	Wrestler	Record (Overall, Dual)
118	Forfeit	
126	Pat Connors	9-6, 9-4
	or Ty Friederichs	12-10, 12-10
134	No. 10 Troy Marr	19-6, 12-3
142	No. 3 Jason Davids	24-2, 14-1
150	No. 4 Chad Kraft	19-2, 13-2
158	Josh Holiday	19-8, 10-4
167	No. 3 Zac Taylor	15-4, 11-4
177	Brandon Eggum	15-4, 11-4
190	No. 3 Tim Hartung	22-0, 14-0
HWT	Shelton Benjamin	15-9, 4-7

NITTANY LION PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP VS MINNESOTA:

Weight	Wrestler	Record (Overall, Dual)
118	Jeremy Hunter	22-6, 9-5
126	No. 10 Jason Betz	20-7, 8-6
134	Biff Walizer	9-7, 6-7
142	No. 8 Clint Musser	21-8, 8-6
150	Shad Benton	13-6, 6-2
158	John Lange	18-3, 4-2
167	No. 2 Glenn Pritzlaff	27-1, 13-1
177	Frank Morici	19-5, 10-3
190	Rob Neidlinger	16-7, 7-4
HWT	No. 1 Kerry McCoy	26-0, 14-0

HARTUNG REMAINS UNBEATEN:

Sophomore 190-pounder **TIM HARTUNG** (Durand, Wis.) is the lone Gopher to remain undefeated with a 22-0 record. Hartung, who was rated seventh, went 5-0 at the National Duals on Jan. 18-19 to move up to the No. 3 spot at 190. He knocked off No. 2 Lee Fullhart of Iowa, 4-2 in OT, and No. 5 Brian Picklo of Michigan State, 1-0 in OT at the duals. He won both matches he wrestled against Oklahoma State and Wisconsin last week.

PAULSON OUT TWO TO THREE WEEKS:

Junior **BRANDON PAULSON** (Coon Rapids, Minn.) had corrective ankle surgery last week and will miss the next two to three weeks of action. Paulson, the No. 6 wrestler at 118 with a 16-2 record, injured his ankle against Penn State's Jeremy Hunter on Jan. 18 at the National Duals.

GOLDEN GOPHER WRESTLERS LOSE TO OKLAHOMA STATE FOR THIRD CONSECUTIVE YEAR:

The Golden Gopher wrestling team was defeated by No. 1 Oklahoma State, 26-10 on Jan. 31 in Stillwater, Okla.

The Cowboys used a forfeit at 118 and two major decision victories at 126 and 134 to jump out to a 14-0 lead that would prove to be the difference in the match. Minnesota was limited to just three wins in 10 matches. **TIM HARTUNG** (So., 190, Durand, Wis.) recorded a major decision win by defeating Aaron Strobel 10-1. **JASON DAVIDS** (Jr., 142, Forest Lake, Minn.) and **CHAD KRAFT** (So., 150, Lakefield, Minn.) recorded decision victories for the Golden Gophers, who wrestled without 118-pounder Paulson for the fourth consecutive dual match.

Oklahoma State defeated the Golden Gophers 20-12 last season and 25-13 in 1994-95. The last Minnesota win against the Cowboys was in 1993-94 by the score of 23-16.

NO. 1 OKLA. STATE 26, NO. 3 MINN. 10

118 - No. 2 Moore (OSU) won by forfeit
126 - No. 1 Guerrero (OSU) maj. dec. Friederichs, 10-2
134 - No. 2 Schmidt (OSU) maj. dec. Antila, 15-4
142 - No. 3 Davids (M) dec. No. 4 Reyna, 7-3
150 - No. 4 Kraft (M) dec. No. 9 Arias, 3-2
158 - No. 4 Moore (OSU) dec. Holiday, 11-5
167 - No. 1 Branch (OSU) dec. Taylor, 5-0
177 - No. 4 Smith (OSU) dec. Eggum, 5-3
190 - No. 3 Hartung (M) maj. dec. Strobel, 10-1
HWT - Lee (OSU) dec. Benjamin, 5-3 (OT)

NO. 3 MINNESOTA KNOCKS OFF WISCONSIN:

Davids and Kraft recorded back-to-back technical fall victories to lead the Golden Gophers to a 28-9 win over the Wisconsin Badgers on Feb. 2 in Williams Arena.

Davids recorded a 24-9 win over Wisconsin's Dusty Coufal at 142 after the Badgers won consecutive matches at 126 and 134. Kraft came right back with a convincing 21-6 win over Zach Anderson at 150. The back-to-back technical fall wins gave the Gophers a 10-6 lead.

Hartung pinned Steve Alf in 6:47 for the lone Golden Gopher pin. Hartung improved to 22-0 and is the currently ranked No. 3. Winning by decision for Minnesota were **JOSH HOLIDAY** (So., 158, Anaheim, Calif.) and **BRANDON EGGUM** (Fr., 177, Sidney, Mont.). No. 3 **ZAC TAYLOR** (Jr., 167, Sandpoint, Idaho) was upset by No. 5 Kevin Wilmot, 5-3. Heavyweight **SHELTON BENJAMIN** (Jr., Susanville, Calif.) won by injury-default over Matt Schneider.

NO. 3 MINNESOTA 28, WISCONSIN 9

118 - Double Forfeit
126 - No. 2 Jetton (Wis.) dec. Golyer (Minn.), 10-3
134 - Mark Beebe (Wis.) dec. Connors (Minn.), 4-3
142 - No. 3 Davids (Minn.) tech. fall Coufal (Wis.), 24-9
150 - No. 4 Kraft (Minn.) tech. fall Anderson (Wis.), 21-6
158 - Holiday (Minn.) dec. Clauson (Wis.), 7-2
167 - No. 5 Wilmot (Wis.) dec. Taylor (Minn.), 5-2
177 - Eggum (Minn.) dec. Lipton (Wis.), 10-6
190 - No. 3 Hartung (Minn.) pinned Alf (Wis.), 6:47
HWT - Benjamin (Minn.) inj. def. Schneider (Wis.)

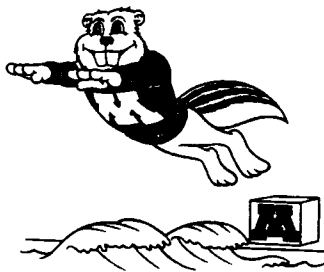
SIX GOPHERS NATIONALLY RANKED:

The following Gophers are nationally ranked in their respective weight classes: Davids (No. 3 at 142), Taylor (No. 3 at 167), Hartung (No. 3 at 190), Kraft (No. 4 at 150), Paulson (No. 6 at 118) and Marr (No. 10 at 134).

GOPHERS RANKED THIRD IN LATEST POLL:

The Golden Gophers are ranked third in the Jan. 29, 1997, *Amateur Wrestling News/National Wrestling Coaches Association* poll.

1.	Oklahoma State	300
2.	Iowa	288
3.	Minnesota	275
4.	Penn State	262
5.	Illinois	249
6.	Michigan State	236
7.	Iowa State	229
8.	Edinboro	222
9.	Rider	202
10.	Arizona State	177
11.	Nebraska	158
	Michigan	158
13.	CS Bakersfield	144
14.	Lock Haven	139
15.	Pennsylvania	135
16.	Oklahoma	133
17.	Fresno State	121
18.	Oregon State	101
19.	Indiana	81
20.	Cornell	77
21.	Purdue	61
22.	Oregon	49
23.	Clarion	31
24.	North Carolina	23
25.	Pittsburgh	19



SWIMMING AND DIVING

1996-97 SWIMMING & DIVING SCHEDULE

DATE	MEET	RESULT/TIME
Oct. 19	Alumni Meet (Aquatic Center)	Non-Scored
Oct. 26	Intra-squad (Aquatic Center)	G-153.5, M-139.5
Nov. 1	Tar Heel Invitational (Chapel Hill, N.C.)	Non-Scored
Nov. 2	North Carolina (Chapel Hill, N.C.)	W 153-145
Nov. 16	Nebraska (Aquatic Center)	W 175-125
Nov. 22	Minnesota Invite (Aquatic Center)	1st/1,409
Dec. 20	Miami (Miami, Fla.)	W 66-47
Jan. 10	Kansas (Aquatic Center)	W 163-80
Jan. 11	Gold Country Invite (Aquatic Center)	1st/1,221
Jan. 18	Northwestern (Evanston, Ill.)	W 181.5-116.5
Jan. 25	Iowa (Aquatic Center)	W 210-89
Jan. 31	Quad Duals - Purdue & Wisconsin (AC)	2-0
Feb. 14	Minnesota Challenge (Aquatic Center)	6 p.m.
Feb. 27	Big Ten Championships (Bloomington, Ind)	11 a.m.
Mar. 6	Go-Pher-It Invitational (Aquatic Center)	3 p.m.
Mar. 14	NCAA Diving - Zone Qualifying (AC)	TBA
Mar. 27	NCAA Championships (Aquatic Center)	Noon

UP NEXT: The ninth-ranked Minnesota men's swimming and diving team will not compete this week. The Golden Gophers' next action is set for February 14-15 at the Minnesota Challenge at the U of M Aquatic Center.

LAST WEEK: The swimming and diving team earned two dual wins at the Quad Duals at the U of M Aquatic Center. The Golden Gophers defeated Purdue 216-136 and Wisconsin 254-94.

Golden Gopher swimmer **MATT SCHLESSMAN** (Sr., Avon, Ohio) turned in a time of 44.78 in the 100 freestyle to establish Minnesota's third top Big Ten time of the meet. On Friday night, freshman **BILL BISHOP'S** (Barrington, Ill.) time of 9:11.55 set a new conference standard in the 1000 freestyle while the 200 medley relay team of **ERIEK HULSEMAN** (Jr., Edina, Minn.), **OSCAR GODOI** (Fr., Sao Jose do Preto, Brazil), **MARTIN ZIELINSKI** (So., Bloomington, Minn.) and **TY BATHURST** (Jr., Albuquerque, N. M.) set a Big Ten best mark with a time of 1:30.70.

With the two wins, the Golden Gophers improve to 8-0 overall and 4-0 in the Big Ten.

GOPHER RESULTS FROM IOWA DUAL:

Minnesota 216, Purdue 136
Minnesota 254, Wisconsin 94
Purdue 218, Wisconsin 134

200 Medley Relay: 1. Minn. A (E. Hulseman, O. Godoi, M. Zielinski, T. Bathurst), 1:30.70; 3. Minn. B (R. Crosby, M. Henke, Y. Meiri, J. Rients), 1:34.39.

1000 Freestyle: 1. B. Bishop, Minn., 9:11.55; 3. J. Miller, Minn., 9:32.92.

200 Freestyle: 1. M. Lentaris, Minn., 1:39.53; 6. J. Cahoy, Minn., 1:42.07.

100 Backstroke: 1. E. Hulseman, Minn., 51.44; 4. R. Crosby, Minn., 52.60.

100 Breaststroke: 2. O. Godoi, Minn., 57.05; 3. M. Henke, Minn., 57.59.

200 Butterfly: 1. Y. Meiri, Minn., 1:50.00; 2. M. Zielinski, Minn., 1:50.08; 6. J. Cahoy, Minn., 1:54.66.

50 Freestyle: 1. M. Schlessman, Minn., 20.50; 2. T. Bathurst, Minn., 20.77; 3. J. Rients, Minn., 20.87; 4. L. Lopez, Minn., 21.12.

1-Meter Diving: 1. I. Bjorklund, Minn., 474.55; 2. M. Ninneman, Minn., 474.00.

200 IM: 3. J. McLeod, Minn., 1:51.89; 4. J. Rodriguez, Minn., 1:55.27.

800 Freestyle Relay: 1. Minn. A (M. Schlessman, L. Lopez, J. McLeod, M. Lentaris), 6:43.40; 4. Minn. B (B. Strohane, B. Bishop, J. Miller, J. Witikko), 6:55.33.

200 Freestyle Relay: 1. Minn. A (T. Bathurst, M. Schlessman, J. Rients, L. Lopez), 1:22.10; 3. Minn. B (J. Cahoy, M. Zielinski, J. Witikko, A. Frankow), 1:25.57.

400 IM: 3. J. McLeod, Minn., 3:59.60; 4. Y. Meiri, Minn., 4:01.56; 6. B. Howard, Minn., 4:09.23.

100 Freestyle: 1. M. Schlessman, Minn., 44.78; 4. L. Lopez, Minn., 46.82.

200 Backstroke: 2. R. Crosby, Minn., 1:52.36; 4. E. Hulseman, Minn., 1:52.97.

100 Butterfly: 1. M. Zielinski, Minn., 48.49; 3. J. Cahoy, Minn., 50.76; 4. Y. Meiri, Minn., 50.87.

3-Meter Diving: 1. I. Bjorklund, Minn., 506.30; 5. M. Ninneman, Minn., 397.30.

500 Freestyle: 1. M. Lentaris, Minn., 4:28.48; 2. B. Bishop, Minn., 4:30.01.

200 Breaststroke: 2. M. Henke, Minn., 2:04.73; 4. J. Rodriguez, Minn., 2:07.94.

400 Freestyle Relay: 1. Minn. A (J. Rients, M. Schlessman, J. Cahoy, M. Lentaris), 3:01.42.



TRACK AND FIELD

1997 TRACK & FIELD SCHEDULE

Indoor Track & Field			
DATE	MEET	PLACE	RESULT/TIME
Jan. 4	Early Bird Open	UM Fieldhouse	No team scores
Jan. 11	Northwest Open	UM Fieldhouse	No team scores
Jan. 18	Badger Track Classic	Madison, Wis.	No team scores
Jan. 25	Minnesota Invite	UM Fieldhouse	No team scores
Manitoba, Drake, Marquette, Iowa			
Jan 31	Mercantile Bank Invite	Cedar Falls, Iowa	5th, 37.25 pts.
Feb. 7-8	Iowa State Invitational	Ames, Iowa	TBA
Feb. 8	Indianapolis Invitational	Indianapolis, Ind.	TBA
Feb. 14	Snowshoe Open	UM Fieldhouse	6 p.m.
Feb. 22-23	Big Ten Indoor Champ.	Iowa City, Iowa	TBA
Feb. 28	NCAA Qualifying Meet	Ames, Iowa	TBA
Mar. 7-8	NCAA Indoor Champ.	Indianapolis, Ind.	TBA
Outdoor Track & Field			
Mar. 28-29	Florida Relays	Gainesville, Fla.	TBA
Apr. 4-5	Texas Relays	Austin, Texas	TBA
Apr. 5	Cyclone Open	Ames, Iowa	TBA
Apr. 11-12	Sea Ray Relays	Knoxville, Tenn.	TBA
Apr. 19	Hawkeye Invitational	Iowa City, Iowa	TBA
Apr. 25-26	Drake Relays	Des Moines, Iowa	TBA
May 3	TBA	Bierman Field	TBA
May 4	Jesse Owens	Columbus, Ohio	TBA
May 10	Minnesota Invitational	Bierman Field	9 a.m.
May 17	Minnesota Last Chance	Bierman Field	TBA
May 23-24	Big Ten Outdoor Champ.	Champaign, Ill.	TBA
June 4-7	NCAA Outdoor Champ.	Bloomington, Ind.	TBA

IOWA STATE INVITE NEXT FOR GOPHERS:

The men's track and field team will travel to Ames, Iowa, for the Iowa State Invitational on Friday, Jan. 31 at 4 p.m.

HARVEY AND YENCHESKY PROVISIONALLY QUALIFY FOR NCAA MEET:

Minnesota senior **TYE HARVEY** (Jamestown, Calif.) and junior **CHAD YENCHESKY** (DePere, Wis.) provisionally qualified for the NCAA meet after their performances in the Mercantile Bank Invite on Jan. 31. Harvey qualified in the pole vault with a mark of 17-9, and Yenchesky qualified in the shot put with a toss of 57-2. Harvey won the pole vault, and Yenchesky placed second in the shot put.

GOPHERS PLACE FIFTH AT MERCANTILE BANK INVITE:

Harvey's career-best mark of 17-9 won the pole vault and provisionally qualified him for the NCAA meet at the Mercantile Bank Invite at the UNI-Dome in Cedar Falls, Iowa, on Jan. 31. The vault marked the second meet in a row that Harvey has provisionally qualified for the NCAAs in the event.

Yenchesky's toss of 57-2 placed him second and also provisionally qualified him for the NCAAs. **WIL KURTH** (Jr., Rochester, Minn.) finished second in the high jump and **SCOTT BEADLE** (Sr., Moorhead, Minn.) was third in the 600 meter run in his first action of the season.

Minnesota finished the meet in fifth place with 37.25 points as Iowa State ran away with the team title at 160 points.

GOPHER RESULTS FROM THE MERCANTILE BANK INVITE:

Team Results

1. Iowa State, 160; 2. Iowa, 95; 3. Northern Iowa, 94; 4. Kansas, 75.25; 5. Minnesota, 37.25; 6. Drake, 33.50.

Event Results

600 Meter Dash: 3. S. Beadle, Minn., 1:21.02.

High Jump: 2. W. Kurth, Minn., 6-8 (2.03m).

Pole Vault: 1. T. Harvey, Minn., 17-9 (5.41m).

Shot Put: 2. C. Yenchesky, Minn., 57-2 (17.42m); 5. J. Marsh, Minn., 53-7 (16.33m); 6. J. Asher, Minn., 51-4 1/4.

1997 MINNESOTA PROVISIONAL INDOOR QUALIFIERS:

Athlete	Event	Score	Meet
Benjamin Jensen	Pole Vault	17-2 1/4 (5.20)	1/18
Tye Harvey	Pole Vault	17-4 1/2 (5.30)	1/25
Wil Kurth	High Jump	7-1 (2.16)	1/25
Tye Harvey	Pole Vault	17-9 (5.41)	1/31
Chad Yenchesky	Shot Put	57-2 (17.42)	1/31



TENNIS

NETTERS TAKE TIME OFF BEFORE HOSTING #9 KANSAS: The Golden Gophers will be idle from competition until hosting Kansas in a match on Feb. 15 at 6:30 p.m., at the 98th Street Club in Bloomington, Minn. The Golden Gophers are 42nd in the latest Rolex/ITA Collegiate Tennis Rankings, while the perennially-strong Jayhawks are ninth in the country.

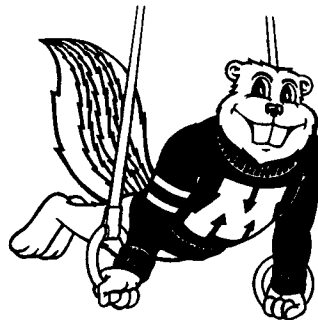
RESULTS FROM BIG TEN SINGLES TOURNAMENT: Sophomore **TOM CHICOINE** (Neenah, Wis.) offered Minnesota's best showing at the 1997 Big Ten Indoor Singles Championships last weekend in Champaign, Ill. Chicoine advanced to the third round of the tournament before bowing to Matt Wright of Michigan in three sets (5-7, 6-3, 6-2). Chicoine had dispatched Jeff Martini of Penn State in round one (6-3, 6-3) and Jake Raiton of Michigan (6-3, 6-3) in round two on Saturday. Chicoine's team-best singles record now stands at 15-3 on the young season.

Junior **ROBIN RUTILI** (Palo Alto, Calif.) and sophomore **ADAM SELKIRK** (St. Joseph, Mo.) both won first-round matches Saturday before being eliminated in the second round. Sophomore **JOHN CHEREGI** (Skokie, Ill.) won three matches in the consolation bracket after losing his first-round match.

Clearly one of the biggest upsets of the tournament was Minnesota's senior captain **BEN GABLER** (Chambersburg, Pa.), the tournament's fifth seed, losing in the first round to unseeded Mike Goldstein of Wisconsin in straight sets (6-3, 7-6). Gabler advanced to the championship match of the tourney last season.

The tournament concludes with the semifinals and finals Monday on the campus of the University of Illinois. Complete tournament brackets and results can be obtained through the Big Ten's fax-on-demand system, cell number 1255.

ON THE HORIZON: Minnesota will open Big Ten dual match play on Feb. 21 when they travel to Bloomington, Ind., to challenge the Hoosiers. The Golden Gophers will move on to Columbus, Ohio the following day (Feb. 22) for a match against the Ohio State Buckeyes.



GYMNASTICS

GYMNASTS LOSE AT IOWA: The University of Minnesota men's gymnastics team lost a dual meet Friday night to the Iowa Hawkeyes 229.625-223.875 at the Field House in Iowa City. The Golden Gophers are now 0-1 in dual-meet action and 0-1 in the Big Ten.

TICKNOR WINS ALL-AROUND: Senior co-captain **FRANK TICKNOR** (Milwaukee, Wis.) won the all-around with 57.00 total points. Freshman **LINDSEY FANG** (Allentown, Pa.) came in second with 54.65 points, and junior **GEORGE BEATTY** (Aberdeen, N.J.) took third with 44.80 total points.

KROB WINS POMMEL HORSE WITH CAREER HIGH: Sophomore **JASON KROB** (St. Charles, Mo.) was the top Golden Gopher finisher in the individual events, winning the pommel horse competition with a career-high score of 9.825. Senior **HEATH WALL** (Sterling Heights, Mich.) finished tied for second on the horizontal bar. Fang took third on the vault, and Ticknor placed second on the pommel horse and third in the floor exercise.

FIRST HOME DUAL UP NEXT: The Golden Gophers return home this week for their first home dual meet of the season against Michigan and Michigan State at 1 p.m., Sat., Feb. 8, in the Sports Pavilion. On Feb. 15, the squad will travel to the Winter Cup in Battle Creek, Mich.

GOPHER RESULTS FROM IOWA DUAL:
Team Score: Iowa 229.625, Minnesota 223.875

All-Around – 1. Frank Ticknor, Minn., 57.00; 2. Lindsey Fang, Minn., 54.65; 3. George Beatty, Minn., 44.80

Vault – 3. Lindsey Fang, Minn., 9.55

Horizontal Bar – 2. Heath Wall, Minn., 9.600

Floor Exercise – 3. Frank Ticknor, Minn., 9.550

Pommel Horse – 1. Jason Krob, Minn., 9.825; 2. Frank Ticknor, Minn., 9.650



BASEBALL

PRO-ALUMNI GAME SIGNALS START OF

1997 SEASON: The University of Minnesota's baseball team will play its sixth annual Pro-Alumni baseball game on Monday, February 3, at 6:30 p.m. at the Metrodome. For the past five years, former Golden Gopher greats get together to challenge the current Maroon and Gold squad in an event that introduces today's players with the program's stars of the past.

"Our professional alumni game is really an opportunity to celebrate our tradition," Head Coach John Anderson said. "But it's also for the players. The current players in the program have an opportunity to reflect on what some of the past tradition has been, what those people represent and the values they bring to the family here at the University of Minnesota."

This year's game will mark the third year in a row in which the local sports community has an opportunity to welcome home a former University of Minnesota player who will be wearing the pinstripes of the Minnesota Twins for the first time. Oakland Athletics veteran Terry Steinbach signed a free agent contract with the Twins this past offseason and he'll be in a Twins' uniform for the first time at the pro-alumni game. Last season, Paul Molitor made his Twins' uniform debut after playing with the Milwaukee Brewers and Toronto Blue Jays and Dave Winfield donned his Twins uniform at the 1994 pro-alumni game after stints at San Diego, New York, Toronto and California.

Fans attending the game will receive a 1997 Minnesota Baseball schedule poster and drawings for autographed baseballs will be held throughout the game.

WCCO-AM 830 TO BROADCAST PRO-ALUMNI GAME:

The University of Minnesota announced that the 1997 Pro-Alumni baseball game on Monday, February 3, at 6:30 p.m., will be broadcast on WCCO-AM 830. Former Golden Gopher and All-Big Ten outfielder Ryan Lefebvre will do the play-by-play with John Gordon adding color commentary and on-field interviews. Both Lefebvre and Gordon are regular members of the Minnesota Twins broadcast team.

KSGS-AM 950 TO BROADCAST GAMES IN

1997: KSGS-AM 950 radio will broadcast all Division I games during the 1997 season. The broadcast schedule is set for 52 games.

Ryan Lefebvre will be the broadcast voice for Golden Gopher baseball. He was a two-time All-Big Ten selection for

BASEBALL TEAM ANNOUNCES SCHEDULE:

The U of M baseball team announced its 1997 schedule. The Golden Gophers are scheduled for 56 contests with 34 to be played in Minneapolis and 22 on the road. Of those 34 home games, 17 will be played at the Metrodome and 17 will be played at Siebert Field.

Minnesota will open the 1997 season with its annual exhibition game against the Pro-Alumni on Monday, Feb. 3, at 6:30 p.m. The first regular season game will be Feb. 14 against No. 28 South Alabama in Mobile, Ala.

Minnesota will host the annual Hormel Foods Baseball Classic on Feb. 28-March 2. Teams competing include No. 2 UCLA, No. 31 Washington and Nebraska.

The Hormel Foods Baseball Classic marks a stretch of 17 straight home games to be played at the Metrodome. From March 23-30, the Golden Gophers will play 10 games in an eight-day span including the Big Ten opener against Purdue.

Michigan, Illinois and Northwestern will also visit Siebert Field for conference games while the Golden Gophers will travel to Penn State, Ohio State and Iowa

The complete schedule follows:

Feb. 3, Pro-Alumni, Metrodome, 6:30 p.m.; Feb. 14, at South Alabama, Mobile, Ala., 6 p.m.; Feb. 15, at South Alabama's Coca Cola Classic vs. South Alabama, Mobile, Ala., 12:30 p.m.; Feb. 16, at South Alabama's Coca Cola Classic vs. Auburn/Southern Mississippi, Mobile, Ala., 12:30 or 3:30 p.m.; Feb. 19, at New Orleans, New Orleans, La., 7 p.m.; Feb. 21, at Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Miss., 6:30 p.m.; Feb. 22, at Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Miss., 2 p.m.; Feb. 23, at Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Miss., 1 p.m.; Feb. 28, Hormel Foods Baseball Classic vs. Nebraska, Metrodome, 6:30 p.m.; March 1, Hormel Foods Baseball Classic vs. Washington, Metrodome, 1:30 p.m.; March 2, Hormel Foods Baseball Classic vs. UCLA, Metrodome, 1:15 p.m.; March 5, Iowa State, Metrodome, 6 p.m.; March 7, Northern Illinois, Metrodome, 6:30 p.m.; March 8, Northern Illinois, Metrodome, 1 p.m.; March 9, Northern Illinois, Metrodome, 1 p.m.; March 23, Chicago State, Metrodome, 7:30 p.m.; March 24, Chicago State (2), Metrodome, 1 p.m.; March 25, Northern Iowa, Metrodome, 2 p.m.; March 26, UW-Milwaukee, Metrodome, 6 p.m.; March 27, UW-Milwaukee, Metrodome, 3 p.m.; March 28, Purdue, Metrodome, 6:30 p.m.; March 29, Purdue (2), Metrodome, 2 p.m.; March 30, Purdue, Metrodome, 1 p.m.; April 2, at Creighton, Omaha, Neb., 3 p.m.; April 4, Michigan, Siebert Field, 3 p.m.; April 5, Michigan (2), Siebert Field, 2 p.m.; April 6, Michigan, Siebert Field, 1 p.m.; April 8, at Iowa State, Ames, Iowa, 3 p.m.; April 11, at Penn State, State College, Pa., 3 p.m.; April 12, at Penn State (2), State College, Pa., 1 p.m.; April 13, at Penn State, State College, Pa., 1 p.m.; April 16, Creighton, Siebert Field, 3 p.m.; April 18, at Ohio State, Columbus, Ohio, 3 p.m.; April 19, at Ohio State (2), Columbus, Ohio, 1 p.m.; April 20, at Ohio State, Columbus, Ohio, 1 p.m.; April 22, at Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa, 2 p.m.; April 25, Illinois, Siebert Field, 6:30 p.m.; April 26, Illinois (2), Siebert Field, 3:30 p.m.; April 27, Illinois, Siebert Field, 1 p.m.; April 29, St. Cloud State, Siebert Field, 7 p.m.; April 30, Mankato State, Siebert Field, 7 p.m.; May 2, at Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, 3 p.m.; May 3, at Iowa (2), Iowa City, Iowa, 1 p.m.; May 4, at Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, 1 p.m.; May 7, St. Thomas, Siebert Field, 7 p.m.; May 8, St. John's, Siebert Field, 6:30 p.m.; May 9, Northwestern, Siebert Field, 6:30 p.m.; May 10, Northwestern (2), Siebert Field, 3:30 p.m.; May 11, Northwestern, Siebert Field, 1 p.m.; May 15-18, at Big Ten Tournament, TBD; May 22-25, at NCAA Regionals, TBD; May 30-June 7, College World Series, Omaha, Neb., TBD.



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Monday, Feb. 10:

Assistant wrestling coach Marty Morgan

Tuesday, Feb. 11:

Head basketball coach Clem Haskins' Media Luncheon

Wednesday, Feb. 12:

Junior forward Sam Jacobson

Thursday, Feb. 13:

Freshman forward Dave Spehar

Friday, Feb. 14:

Assistant hockey coach Tom Ward's postgame UMD comments

Saturday, February 15 - Sunday, February 16:

Assistant hockey coach Tom Ward's postgame UMD comments

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- March 27-29 NCAA Swimming and Diving @ U of M Aquatic Center

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This Week in Gopher Sports

Wednesday,
Feb. 12

- Basketball at Purdue Boilermakers
Mackey Arena
Midwest Sports Channel
WCCO-AM 830, 7 p.m.

Friday,
Feb. 14

- Track & Field Snowshoe Open
U of M Fieldhouse, 6 p.m.
- Swimming Minnesota Challenge
U of M Aquatic Center, 6 p.m.
- Baseball at South Alabama Jaguars
KSGS-AM 950, 6 p.m.
- Hockey vs. Minnesota-Duluth Bulldogs
Mariucci Arena
Midwest Sports Channel
KSTP-AM 1500, 7 p.m.

Saturday,
Feb. 15

- Tennis vs. Kansas Jayhawks
98th Street Racquet Club, 6:30 p.m.
- Baseball at South Alabama Tournament
vs. South Alabama
KSGS-AM 950, 12:30 p.m.
- Gymnastics at Winter Cup
Battle Creek, Mich., All Day
- Basketball at Iowa Hawkeyes
Carver-Hawkeye Arena
WCCO-AM 830
Channel 4, 1:30 p.m.
- Swimming Minnesota Challenge
U of M Aquatic Center, 6 p.m.
- Wrestling at Michigan State Spartans
Jenison Fieldhouse, 6 p.m.
- Hockey vs. Minnesota-Duluth Bulldogs
Mariucci Arena
Midwest Sports Channel
KSTP-AM 1500, 7 p.m.

Sunday,
Feb. 16

- Wrestling at Michigan Wolverines
Cliff Keen Arena, 12 p.m.
- Baseball at South Alabama Tournament
vs. S. Mississippi or Auburn
KSGS-AM 950, 12:30 or 3:30 p.m.



WRESTLING

1996-97 WRESTLING SCHEDULE

DATE	MEET	PLACE	SCORE/TIME
All Unattached			
Nov. 16	Bison Open	Fargo, N.D.	All Day
Nov. 23	UNO Open	Omaha, Neb.	All Day
Nov. 29	Northern Open	Madison, Wis.	All Day
Official Team Schedule			
Nov. 22	North Dakota St.	Fargo, N.D.	W, 42-3
Dec. 6	Northwestern	Williams	W, 35-3
Dec. 15	Clarion Duals	Clarion, Pa.	1st Place
		- Ohio U	W, 39-4
		- Clarion	W, 34-9
		- Rider	W, 27-12
Dec. 17	S. Connecticut St.	New Haven, Conn.	W, 46-6
Jan. 4	Iowa State	Williams	L, 16-19
Jan. 7	Nebraska	Lincoln, Neb.	W, 29-12
Jan. 10	South Dakota St.	Williams	Cancelled
Jan. 18-19	National Duals	Lincoln, Neb.	3rd Place
		- Missouri Valley	W, 48-0
		- Penn State	W, 21 -10
		- Iowa	L, 23-12
		- Michigan State	W, 28-9
		- Penn State	W, 19-15
Jan. 24	Iowa	Iowa City, Iowa	L, 29-12
Jan. 31	Oklahoma State	Stillwater, Okla.	L, 26-10
Feb. 2	Wisconsin	Williams	W, 28-9
Feb. 9	Penn State	Pavilion	W, 28-7
Feb. 15	Michigan State	East Lansing, Mich.	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 16	Michigan	Ann Arbor, Mich.	1:00 p.m.
Feb. 23	Ohio State	Pavilion	2:30 p.m.
Mar. 8-9	Big Tens	Home	All Day
Mar. 20-22	NCAA's	Cedar Falls, Iowa	All Day

Bold indicates home meets

NO. 13 MICHIGAN STATE AND NO. 11

MICHIGAN NEXT FOR WRESTLERS: The third-ranked Minnesota wrestling team will travel to No. 13 Michigan State on Feb. 15 and No. Michigan on Feb. 16 for dual matches. Match time against the Spartans is 6 p.m. EDT and 12 p.m. EDT against the Wolverines.

THE RECORDS: No. 3 Minnesota enters the Michigan State/Michigan matches with a 13-4 overall record and 3-1 mark in the Big Ten.

No. 13 Michigan enters the dual with a 9-3 overall record and 3-1 mark in the Big Ten. The Wolverines defeated conference foes Indiana (28-10) and Purdue (21-12) this past weekend.

THE COACH: Minnesota's J Robinson (Oklahoma State, '69) is currently in his 11th year and has guided the Golden Gophers to a 145-74-3 record and two runner-up Big Ten finishes. Robinson has coached 10 Big Ten champions and 23 NCAA All-Americans in his career. He is 13-4 in 1996-97.

THE SERIES: Saturday's match against the Spartans will be the 33th all-time. MSU holds a 22-11 advantage. Minnesota knocked off the Spartans 28-9 at the National Duals this season.

Michigan holds a 24-15-2 advantage in the series that started in 1923-24. The Wolverines edged Minnesota 18-14 at Minneapolis last season.

GOLDEN GOPHER PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP VS MICHIGAN STATE AND MICHIGAN:

Weight	Wrestler	Record (Overall, Dual)
118	Kipp Williamson	1-0, 1-0
126	Pat Connors	10-6, 10-4
134	No. 10 Troy Marr	20-6, 13-3
142	No. 3 Jason Davids	25-2, 16-1
150	No. 4 Chad Kraft	20-2, 14-2
158	Josh Holiday	20-8, 11-4
167	No. 3 Zac Taylor	15-5, 11-5
177	Brandon Eggum	16-4, 12-4
190	No. 3 Tim Hartung	23-0, 15-0
HWT	Shelton Benjamin	15-10, 4-8

SPARTAN PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP VS MINNESOTA:

Weight	Wrestler	Record (Overall, Dual)
118	No. 3 David Morgan	*Records not available at time of release.
126	Jason Nusbaum	
134	Isaac Miller	
142	Sam Hakim	
150	Adam Elderkin	
158	Greg DeGrand	
167	Ralph Conte	
177	No. 3 Erich Harvey	
190	No. 4 Brian Picklo	
HWT	Marco Sanchez	

WOLVERINE PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP VS MINNESOTA:

Weight	Wrestler	Overall Record
118	Chris Viola	19-5
126	Mat Warner	14-11
134	Corey Grant	20-10
142	Gyhandi Hill	6-3
150	No. Bill Lacure	23-5
158	Erick Olson	24-11
167	No. 3 Jeff Catrabone	25-2
177	Joe DeGain	4-18
190	Frank Lodeserto	13-12
HWT	No. 6 Airron Richardson	22-3

HARTUNG REMAINS UNBEATEN: Sophomore 190-pounder **TIM HARTUNG** (Durand, Wis.) is the lone Gopher to remain undefeated with a 22-0 record. Hartung, who was rated seventh, went 5-0 at the National Duals on Jan. 18-19 to move up to the No. 3 spot at 190. He knocked off No. 2 Lee Fullhart of Iowa 4-2 in OT, and No. 5 Brian Picklo of Michigan State 1-0 in OT at the duals. He defeated Penn State's Rob Neidlinger 7-4 on Feb. 9. He is 15-0 in dual competition and has eight pins to his credit this season.

PAULSON OUT WITH ANKLE INJURY: Junior **BRANDON PAULSON** (Coon Rapids, Minn.) had corrective ankle surgery and will miss the next two to three weeks of action. Paulson, who boasts a 16-2 record, injured his ankle against Penn State's Jeremy Hunter on Jan. 18 at the National Duals.

WILLIAMSON RETURNS, JUMP-STARTS GOLDEN GOPHERS: Junior **KIPP WILLIAMSON** (118, Hayfield, Minn.) returned to the team on Feb. 2 after withdrawing earlier this season because of academic purposes. Williamson, subbing for the injured Paulson, pinned Penn State's Arturo Cabanas in 3:42 to jump-start the Golden Gophers to a 28-7 dual victory over the Nittany Lions.

Prior to Williamson's return, the Golden Gophers forfeited the 118-pound class in five straight duals. He will be Minnesota's 118-pounder until Paulson can return.

GOLDEN GOPHERS DEFEAT PENN STATE FOR THIRD TIME THIS YEAR: The Golden Gopher wrestling team defeated the No. 4 Penn State Nittany Lions for the third time this year.

Williamson's pin at 118 was the first of six consecutive match wins for the Gophers. **PAT CONNORS** (Jr., Longview, Wash.) upset Penn State's Jason Betz, who was ranked 10th this year, 6-4 at 126. No. 11 **TROY MARR** (So., Wyoming, Minn.) defeated Biff Walizer 8-2 and No. 3 **JASON DAVIDS** (Jr., Forest Lake, Minn.) defeated No. 9 Clint Musser 5-3 in overtime. Marr improved to 20-6, and Davids recorded his team-leading 25th win.

No. 4 **CHAD KRAFT** (So., Lakefield, Minn.) recorded a 14-3 major decision victory over Penn State's Shad Benton. Kraft improved to 20-2 overall and gave the Gophers a 22-0 lead.

Penn State's Glenn Pritzlaff scored a 3-1 decision win over No. 5 **ZAC TAYLOR** (Jr., Sandpoint, Idaho) at 167 in the featured match of the day. Pritzlaff, ranked No. 2, gave the Nittany Lions their first win and three team points.

Sophomore **JOSH HOLIDAY** (Anaheim, Calif.) decisioned John Lange for his 20th win, and **BRANDON EGGUM** (Sidney, Mont.) improved to 16-4 overall with a 5-3 decision over Penn State's Frank Morici at 177. Sophomore **TIM HARTUNG** (Durand, Wis.) stayed undefeated at 23-0 with a 7-4 decision over Penn State's Rob Neidlinger. Hartung needed a takedown with 14 seconds to get the win.

PSU's No. 1 ranked heavyweight Kerry McCoy recorded a 17-3 major decision over the Golden Gophers **SHELTON BENJAMIN** (Jr., Susanville, Calif.).

DID YOU KNOW?: The Golden Gophers have recorded 74 pins this season in 324 match wins. Last year Minnesota needed 394 match wins to record 68 pins.

NO. 3 MINNESOTA 28, PENN STATE 7
 118 - Williamson (Minn.) pinned Cabanas, 3:42
 126 - Connors (Minn.) dec. Betz, 6-4
 134 - No. 11 Marr (Minn.) dec. Walizer, 8-2
 142 - No. 3 Davids (Minn.) dec. No. 9 Musser, 5-3 (OT, 7:23)
 150 - No. 4 Chad Kraft (Minn.) dec. Benton, 14-3
 158 - Holiday (Minn.) dec. John Lange, 9-6
 167 - No. 2 Pritzlaff (PSU) dec. No. 5 Taylor, 3-1
 177 - Eggum (Minn.) dec. Morici, 5-3
 190 - No. 3 Hartung (Minn.) dec. Neidlinger, 7-4
 HWT - No. 1 McCoy (PSU) maj. dec. Benjamin, 17-3

FIVE GOLDEN GOPHERS WITH 20-PLUS

WINS: Five Minnesota wrestlers have recorded 20 or more wins this season. Davids leads the way with 25, followed by Hartung with 23. Kraft, Holiday and Marr each have 20.

Three Golden Gophers should top the 20-win plateau by season's end. Eggum (16), Taylor (15) and Paulson (16) should reach the 20-win barrier if they stay healthy.

FIVE GOLDEN GOPHERS NATIONALLY

RANKED: The following Golden Gophers are nationally ranked in their respective weight classes: Davids (No. 3 at 142), Taylor (No. 5 at 167), Hartung (No. 3 at 190), Kraft (No. 4 at 150) and Marr (No. 11 at 134).

GOPHERS RANKED THIRD IN LATEST

POLL: The Golden Gophers are ranked third in the Jan. 29, 1997, *Amateur Wrestling News/National Wrestling Coaches Association* poll.

1. Oklahoma State300
2. Iowa288
3. **Minnesota275**
4. Penn State262
5. Illinois249
6. Michigan State236
7. Iowa State229
8. Edinboro222
9. Rider202
10. Arizona State177
11. Nebraska158
- Michigan158
13. CS Bakersfield144
14. Lock Haven139
15. Pennsylvania135
16. Oklahoma133
17. Fresno State121
18. Oregon State101
19. Indiana81
20. Cornell77
21. Purdue61
22. Oregon49
23. Clarion31
24. North Carolina23
25. Pittsburgh19



TRACK AND FIELD

1997 TRACK & FIELD SCHEDULE

Indoor Track & Field			
DATE	MEET	PLACE	RESULT/TIME
Jan. 4	Early Bird Open	UM Fieldhouse	No team scores
Jan. 11	Northwest Open	UM Fieldhouse	No team scores
Jan. 18	Badger Track Classic	Madison, Wis.	No team scores
Jan. 25	Minnesota Invite	UM Fieldhouse	No team scores
	Manitoba, Drake, Marquette, Iowa		
Jan 31	Mercantile Bank Invite	Cedar Falls, Iowa	5th, 37.25 pts.
Feb. 7-8	Iowa State Invitational	Ames, Iowa	TBA
Feb. 8	Indianapolis Invitational	Indianapolis, Ind.	TBA
Feb. 14	Snowshoe Open	UM Fieldhouse	6 p.m.
Feb. 22-23	Big Ten Indoor Champ.	Iowa City, Iowa	TBA
Feb. 28	NCAA Qualifying Meet	Ames, Iowa	TBA
Mar. 7-8	NCAA Indoor Champ.	Indianapolis, Ind.	TBA
Outdoor Track & Field			
Mar. 28-29	Florida Relays	Gainesville, Fla.	TBA
Apr. 4-5	Texas Relays	Austin, Texas	TBA
Apr. 5	Cyclone Open	Ames, Iowa	TBA
Apr. 11-12	Sea Ray Relays	Knoxville, Tenn.	TBA
Apr. 19	Hawkeye Invitational	Iowa City, Iowa	TBA
Apr. 25-26	Drake Relays	Des Moines, Iowa	TBA
May 3	TBA	Bierman Field	TBA
May 4	Jesse Owens	Columbus, Ohio	TBA
May 10	Minnesota Invitational	Bierman Field	9 a.m.
May 17	Minnesota Last Chance	Bierman Field	TBA
May 23-24	Big Ten Outdoor Champ.	Champaign, Ill.	TBA
June 4-7	NCAA Outdoor Champ.	Bloomington, Ind.	TBA

UP NEXT: Minnesota hosts the Snowshoe Open Friday, Feb. 14 at the U of M Fieldhouse.

LAST MEET: The Golden Gophers participated in the Iowa State Classic last Friday and Saturday in Ames, Iowa. No team scores were kept at the event.

THREE GOLDEN GOPHERS PROVISIONALLY QUALIFY FOR NCAAs: Minnesota pole vaulters **TYE HARVEY** (Sr., Jamestown, Calif.) and **BEN JENSEN** (So., Mandal, Norway) and shot putter **CHAD YENCHESKY** (Jr., DePere, Wis.) each provisionally qualified for the NCAA meet at the Iowa State Classic. Harvey qualified in the pole vault and won the event at the open meet with a career-best 17-09.25. The vault marked the third straight meet in which Harvey has provisionally qualified for the NCAAs. Jensen's career-best mark of 17-06.5 qualified him. He finished second in the event, just behind Harvey. Yenchesky qualified with a toss of 58-07.25. The mark was good enough for third at the classic.

DENEEN FINISHES FOURTH IN THE 60-METER HURDLES: Another top Golden Gopher performer at the Iowa State Classic was junior **NILES DENEEN** (St. Paul, Minn.), who finished fourth in the 60-meter hurdles with a time of 8.01.

DISTANCE MEDLEY TEAM FINISHES SECOND: Minnesota's distance medley team finished second at the Iowa State Classic with a time of 10:03.1.

PLASENCIA WINS 5,000-METER RUN: Golden Gopher cross country coach Steve Plasencia won the 5,000-meter run in a time of 14:08.1 at the Iowa State Classic.

GOPHER RESULTS FROM THE IOWA STATE CLASSIC:
Shot Put: 3. C. Yenchesky, Minn., 17.86 (58-07.25).

Pole Vault: 1. T. Harvey, Minn., 5.42 (17-09.25); 2. B. Jensen, Minn., 5.35 (17-06.5).

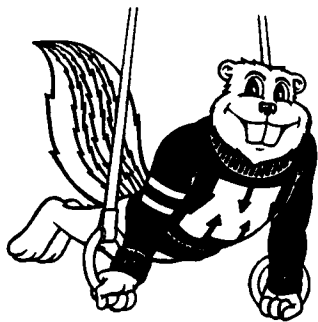
60 Meter Hurdles: 4. N. Deneen, Minn., 8.03.

Distance Medley: 2. Minn., 10:03.1.

5,000 Meter Run: 1. S. Plasencia, Asics, 14:08.1.

1997 MINNESOTA PROVISIONAL INDOOR QUALIFIERS:

Athlete	Event	Score	Meet
Ben Jensen	Pole Vault	17-02 1/4 (5.20)	1/18
Tye Harvey	Pole Vault	17-04 1/2 (5.30)	1/25
Wil Kurth	High Jump	7-01 (2.16)	1/25
Tye Harvey	Pole Vault	17-09 (5.41)	1/31
Chad Yenchesky	Shot Put	57-02 (17.42)	1/31
Tye Harvey	Pole Vault	17-09 1/4 (5.42)	2/8
Ben Jensen	Pole Vault	17-06 1/2 (5.35)	2/8
Chad Yenchesky	Shot Put	58-07 1/4 (17.86)	2/8



GYMNASTICS

WINTER CUP UP NEXT: The Golden Gophers travel to Battle Creek, Mich., this weekend to compete in the Winter Cup Challenge on Saturday.

GYMNASTS DEFEAT MICHIGAN, MICHIGAN STATE: The University of Minnesota men's gymnastics team defeated No. 14 Michigan and No. 4 Michigan State Saturday with a team score of 222.10 in a tri-dual at the Sports Pavilion. Michigan State came in second with 218.80 points, and Michigan was third with 214.70.

TICKNOR, FANG PLACE IN ALL-AROUND: Senior co-captain **FRANK TICKNOR** (Milwaukee, Wis.) placed second in the all-around with 55.25 total points. Freshman **LINDSEY FANG** (Allentown, Pa.) took third with 54.55 points. In addition, Ticknor tied for third in the floor exercise, and Fang placed third on the horizontal bar.

KROB, WALL LEAD INDIVIDUAL EVENT PLACERS: Sophomore **JASON KROB** (St. Charles, Mo.) and senior co-captain **HEATH WALL** (Sterling Heights, Mich.) were the top Golden Gopher finishers in the individual events. Krob won the pommel horse competition and Wall won the still rings and tied for first on the parallel bars. Wall also placed second on the parallel bars and the horizontal bar and tied with Ticknor for second on the vault. Sophomore **DAN BOOTS** (Pearland, Texas) placed second on the still rings, and junior **BOB HUBBARD** (Phoenix, Ariz.) took third on the parallel bars.

GOLDEN GOPHERS RANKED 10TH IN NATION: The University of Minnesota men's gymnastics team is ranked 10th by high score in the NCAA National Rankings released this week. The Golden Gophers are also the sixth-ranked team in the Eastern Region. The team faces eight squads currently ranked in the nation's top 25 this season: Ohio State – 1st, Iowa – 2nd, Michigan State – 4th, Nebraska – 6th, New Mexico – 11th, Illinois-Chicago – 12th, Michigan – 14th, Santa Barbara – 21st.

NCAA Team National Rankings (by high score):

1. Ohio State – 231.92
2. Iowa – 229.62
3. Cal-Berkeley – 228.15
4. Michigan State – 227.75
5. Oklahoma – 227.57
6. Nebraska – 226.65
7. Illinois – 225.95
8. Brigham Young – 224.70
9. Penn State – 224.40
10. Minnesota – 223.87

KROB IS MINNESOTA'S TOP RANKED GYMNAST: With his career-high score of 9.825 on the pommel horse in the Jan. 31 dual meet at No. 2 Iowa, Krob is ranked fourth in the nation and second in the Eastern Region. Ticknor is ranked seventh in the nation and fifth in the region in the all-around after his career-best score of 57.00 total points at Iowa.

RESULTS FROM MICHIGAN-MICHIGAN STATE DUAL MEET:

Team Scores: Minnesota 222.10; Michigan State 218.80; Michigan 214.70

All-Around – 1. Lalo Haro, Michigan, 55.65; 2. Frank Ticknor, Minnesota, 55.25; 3. Lindsey Fang, Minnesota, 54.55

Vault – 1. Lalo Haro, Michigan, 9.4; 2. Frank Ticknor, Minnesota, and Heath Wall, Minnesota, 9.35

Parallel Bars – 1. Lalo Haro, Michigan, and Heath Wall, Minnesota, 9.4; 3. Bob Hubbard, Minnesota, 9.25

Horizontal Bar – 1. Ethan Sterk, Michigan State, 9.65; 2. Heath Wall, Minnesota, 9.55; 3. Lindsey Fang, Minnesota, 9.5

Floor Exercise – 1. Lalo Haro, Michigan, 9.5; 2. Keith Douglas, Michigan State, 9.35; 3. Frank Ticknor, Minnesota, and Mike Quarress, Michigan State, 9.3

Pommel Horse – 1. Jason Krob, Minnesota, 9.7; 2. Sam Smith, Michigan State, 9.55; 3. Ken Baker, Michigan State, 9.3

Still Rings – 1. Heath Wall, Minnesota, 9.7; 2. Dan Boots, Minnesota, 9.55; 3. Mike Phipps, Michigan State, 9.5



SWIMMING AND DIVING

1996-97 SWIMMING & DIVING SCHEDULE

DATE	MEET	RESULT/TIME
Oct. 19	Alumni Meet (Aquatic Center)	Non-Scored
Oct. 26	Intra-squad (Aquatic Center)	G-153.5, M-139.5
Nov. 1	Tar Heel Invitational (Chapel Hill, N.C.)	Non-Scored
Nov. 2	North Carolina (Chapel Hill, N.C.)	W 153-145
Nov. 16	Nebraska (Aquatic Center)	W 175-125
Nov. 22	Minnesota Invite (Aquatic Center)	1st/1,409
Dec. 20	Miami (Miami, Fla.)	W 66-47
Jan. 10	Kansas (Aquatic Center)	W 163-80
Jan. 11	Gold Country Invite (Aquatic Center)	1st/1,221
Jan. 18	Northwestern (Evanston, Ill.)	W 181.5-116.5
Jan. 25	Iowa (Aquatic Center)	W 210-89
Jan. 31	Quad Duals - Purdue & Wisconsin (AC)	2-0
Feb. 14	Minnesota Challenge (Aquatic Center)	6 p.m.
Feb. 27	Big Ten Championships (Bloomington, Ind)	11 a.m.
Mar. 6	Go-Pher-It Invitational (Aquatic Center)	3 p.m.
Mar. 14	NCAA Diving - Zone Qualifying (AC)	TBA
Mar. 27	NCAA Championships (Aquatic Center)	Noon

UP NEXT: The ninth-ranked Minnesota men's swimming and diving team will host the Minnesota Challenge on Friday at 6 p.m. and continuing on Saturday at noon at the Aquatic Center. The meet is open and individuals from several schools will be competing.

LAST ACTION: The swimming and diving team earned two dual wins at the Quad Duals at the U of M Aquatic Center on Jan. 31 and Feb. 1. The Golden Gophers defeated Purdue 216-136 and Wisconsin 254-94.

LATEST POLL: The University of Minnesota men's swimming and diving team is ranked ninth in the latest Speedo America's Top 25 swimming poll. Michigan, the highest ranked Big Ten team, is fifth and Indiana (20) and Ohio State (21) were the only other Big Ten schools ranked.

Minnesota was ranked 13th in the preseason poll and is 8-0 this season. The Golden Gophers have been ranked as high as eighth but been slipped to ninth and have remained there for several weeks.

The complete poll follows:

1. Stanford, 294;
2. Tennessee, 288;
3. Auburn, 272;
4. California, 252;
5. Michigan, 248;
6. Texas, 247;
7. So. Cal., 270;
8. Georgia, 225;
9. Minnesota, 205;
10. Arizona St., 172;
11. Arizona, 195;
12. North Carolina, 151;
13. Florida State, 142;
14. LSU, 138;
15. Florida, 130;
16. Nebraska, 126;
17. Harvard, 126;
18. Texas A&M, 91;
19. SMU, 81;
20. Indiana, 60;
21. Ohio State, 39;
22. Alabama, 38;
23. N.C. State, 35;
24. Kansas, 32;
25. Miami, 28;
- 25 (tie). South Carolina, 28.



TENNIS

NETTERS HOST NO. 9 KANSAS SATURDAY:

The Golden Gophers will be back in competition this weekend as they will play host to the Kansas Jayhawks in a dual match at 98th Street Club in Bloomington, Minn. First serve is set for 6:30 p.m.

SCOUTING THE JAYHAWKS: KU has won its first two matches of the young season, defeating Ball State (6-1) on Jan. 26 and downing No. 22 New Mexico (4-3) on Jan. 31. This will be the first road test for the Jayhawks in 1997. Number-one singles player Enrique Abaroa is currently ranked 11th in the nation in singles play, while Abaroa and partner Javier Avila are number six in doubles.

GOLDEN GOPHER LEADERS: Sophomore **TOM CHICOINE** (Neenah, Wis.) leads the Golden Gophers at this point of the season with a 15-3 overall record. Senior **BEN GABLER** (Chambersburg, Pa.) and freshman **MARTIN MICHAELOWSKI** (Bloomington, Minn.) have identical marks of 9-6 early in the season, with sophomore **ADAM SELKIRK** (St. Joseph, Mo.) is also on the winning side of the ledger with a 7-6 record in singles play.

ON THE HORIZON: Minnesota will open Big Ten dual match play on Feb. 21 when they travel to Bloomington, Ind., to challenge the Hoosiers. The Golden Gophers will move on to Columbus, Ohio the following day (Feb. 22) for a match against the Ohio State Buckeyes.



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Monday, Feb. 17:

Assistant hockey coach Tom Ward

Tuesday, Feb. 18:

Head basketball coach Clem Haskins' Media Luncheon

Wednesday, Feb. 19:

Sophomore guard Charles Thomas

Thursday, Feb. 20:

Junior defenseman Mike Crowley

Friday, Feb. 21:

Junior point guard Eric Harris

Saturday, February 22 - Sunday, February 23:

Head basketball coach Clem Haskins' postgame comments

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- March 13-15 WCHA Final Five @ St. Paul Civic Center
- March 22-23 Big Ten Gymnastics @ Sports Pavilion
- March 27-29 NCAA Swimming and Diving @ U of M Aquatic Center

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This Week in Gopher Sports

Monday,
Feb. 17

- **Baseball** at South Alabama Jaguars
Eddie Stanky Field
KSGS-AM 950, 1 p.m.

Wednesday,
Feb. 19

- **Basketball** Ohio State Buckeyes
Williams Arena
Midwest Sports Channel
WCCO-AM 830, 7 p.m.
- **Baseball** at New Orleans
KSGS-AM 950, 7 p.m.

Friday,
Feb. 21

- **Hockey** at Colorado College Tigers
Air Force Cadet Academy Ice Arena
Midwest Sports Channel
KSTP-AM 1500, 8:30 p.m.
- **Tennis** at Indiana Hoosiers
Bloomington, Ind., 6 p.m.
- **Baseball** at Southern Mississippi
KSGS-AM 950, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday,
Feb. 22

- **Basketball** vs. Illinois Fighting Illini
Williams Arena
WCCO-AM 830
Channel 4, 1:30 p.m.
- **Track** at Big Ten Indoor Championships
Iowa City, Iowa, All Day
- **Baseball** at Southern Mississippi
KSGS-AM 950, 2 p.m.
- **Hockey** at Colorado College Tigers
Air Force Cadet Academy Ice Arena
Midwest Sports Channel
KSTP-AM 1500, 7 p.m.
- **Tennis** at Ohio State Buckeyes
Columbus, Ohio, 7 p.m.
- **Gymnastics** at New Mexico and Santa Barbara
Albuquerque, N.M., 7 p.m.

Sunday,
Feb. 23

- **Track** at Big Ten Indoor Championships
Iowa City, Iowa, All Day
- **Wrestling** vs. Ohio State Buckeyes
Sports Pavilion, 2:30 p.m.
- **Baseball** at Southern Mississippi
KSGS-AM 950, 1 p.m.



WRESTLING

1996-97 WRESTLING SCHEDULE

DATE	MEET	PLACE	SCORE/TIME
All Unattached			
Nov. 16	Bison Open	Fargo, N.D.	All Day
Nov. 23	UNO Open	Omaha, Neb.	All Day
Nov. 29	Northern Open	Madison, Wis.	All Day
Official Team Schedule			
Nov. 22	North Dakota St.	Fargo, N.D.	W, 42-3
Dec. 6	Northwestern	Williams	W, 35-3
Dec. 15	Clarion Duals	Clarion, Pa.	1st Place
		- Ohio U	W, 39-4
		- Clarion	W, 34-9
		- Rider	W, 27-12
Dec. 17	S. Connecticut St.	New Haven, Conn.	W, 46-6
Jan. 4	Iowa State	Williams	L, 16-19
Jan. 7	Nebraska	Lincoln, Neb.	W, 29-12
Jan. 10	South Dakota St.	Williams	Cancelled
Jan. 18-19	National Duals	Lincoln, Neb.	3rd Place
		- Missouri Valley	W, 48-0
		- Penn State	W, 21-10
		- Iowa	L, 23-12
		- Michigan State	W, 28-9
		- Penn State	W, 19-15
Jan. 24	Iowa	Iowa City, Iowa	L, 29-12
Jan. 31	Oklahoma State	Stillwater, Okla.	L, 26-10
Feb. 2	Wisconsin	Williams	W, 28-9
Feb. 9	Penn State	Pavilion	W, 28-7
Feb. 15	Michigan State	East Lansing, Mich.	W, 23-12
Feb. 16	Michigan	Ann Arbor, Mich.	W, 28-10
Feb. 23	Ohio State	Pavilion	2:30 p.m.
Mar. 8-9	Big Tens	Home	All Day
Mar. 20-22	NCAA's	Cedar Falls, Iowa	All Day

Bold indicates home meets

WRESTLERS CLOSE REGULAR SCHEDULE

WITH OHIO STATE AT HOME: The third-ranked Minnesota wrestling team will close its 1996-97 regular season schedule with a dual against Big Ten rival Ohio State, Sunday, Feb. 23 at the Sports Pavilion at 2:30 pm.

RECORDS: Minnesota will enter the match with a 15-4 overall record, 5-1 in the Big Ten. Ohio State stands at 9-11 overall, 4-4 in the Big Ten, prior to a dual at Northern Iowa on Friday, Feb. 21.

THE COACH: The Golden Gophers' J Robinson (Oklahoma State, 1969) is currently in his 11th year and has guided Minnesota to a 147-74-3 record and two runner-up Big Ten finishes. Robinson has coached 10 Big Ten champions and

23 NCAA All-Americans. He is 15-4 in 1996-97.

THE SERIES: Minnesota holds a 21-12-2 all-time edge over Ohio State. The Golden Gophers have won the last three duals, including a 23-10 decision last year.

MINNESOTA PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP VS. OHIO STATE:

Wgt., Name, Yr., Hometown, Overall, Duals
 118, Kipp Williamson, Jr., Hayfield, Minn., 1-0, 1-0
 126, Pat Connors, So., Longview, Wash., 12-6, 4-2
 134, No. 11 Troy Marr, So., Wyoming, Minn., 22-6, 11-2
 142, No. 3 Jason Davids, Jr., Forest Lake, Minn., 27-2, 17-1
 OR
 Nick Antila, Sr., Robbinsdale, Minn., 11-6, 0-1
 150, No. 4 Chad Kraft, So., Lakefield, Minn., 21-3, 15-3
 158, Josh Holiday, So., Anaheim, Calif., 22-8, 13-4
 167, No. 5 Zac Taylor, Jr., Sandpoint, Idaho, 17-5, 13-5
 177, Brandon Eggum, Fr., Sidney, Mont., 17-5, 13-5
 190, No. 3 Tim Hartung, So., Durand, Wis., 24-1, 16-1
 Hwt, Shelton Benjamin, Jr., Susanville, Calif., 17-10, 6-8

OHIO STATE PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP VS. MINNESOTA:

Wgt., Name, Yr., Hometown, Overall, Duals
 118, Mike Glane, Jr., Wyoming, Mich.
 126, Robbie Archer, Jr., Kitts Hill, Ohio
 134, Jeff Bucher, So., Toledo, Ohio
 142, Brian Roskovich, Fr., Bridgeport, Ohio
 150, Dan DiCesare, Jr., Dublin, Ohio
 158, Peter Rogers, Fr., Sheboygan, Wis.
 167, Eric Wood, Jr., Ashland, Ohio
 177, Mitch Clark, Jr., Canton, N.Y.
 190, Anthony Gary, So., Akron, Ohio
 Hwt, Nick Nutter, Sr., Litchfield, Ohio

HARTUNG LOSES FIRST MATCH OF SEASON:

The dream of an undefeated year was snatched from sophomore 190-pounder **TIM HARTUNG** (Durand, Wis.) by the narrowest of margins as he lost a 2-1 double overtime tie-breaker to Michigan State's Brian Picklo. Hartung, ranked No. 4 in the nation, had defeated Picklo, ranked No. 5 in the country, earlier in the year 1-0 in overtime. The loss came as Minnesota defeated the Spartans, 23-12, in a dual on Feb. 15. Hartung started a new streak by pinning Michigan's Frank Loddeserto the next afternoon in just 2:59. Hartung is now 24-1 overall and 16-1 in duals.

GOLDEN GOPHERS DUMP NO. 13 MICHIGAN STATE, 28-10: The third-ranked Minnesota Golden Gopher wrestling squad overcame a 6-0 deficit to dump No. 13 Michigan State, 23-12 in East Lansing, Mich. Minnesota improved to 14-4 overall and 4-1 in the Big Ten.

Wins by sophomores **PAT CONNORS** (Longview, Wash.) at 126 pounds and **TROY MARR** (Wyoming, Minn.) at 134 pounds erased the six-point Golden Gopher deficit. No. 3 **JASON DAVIDS** (Forest Lake, Minn.) put Minnesota ahead for good with a 18-8 major decision over Sam Hakim at 142

pounds.

Also scoring wins for Minnesota were No. 4 **CHAD KRAFT** (Lakefield, Minn.) at 150 pounds, **JOSH HOLIDAY** (Anaheim, Calif.) at 158 pounds, No. 3 **ZAC TAYLOR** (Sandpoint, Idaho) at 167 pounds and heavyweight **SHELTON BENJAMIN** (Susanville, Calif.).

In the evening's featured match at 190 pounds, fourth-ranked Brian Picklo of Michigan State upended third-ranked **TIM HARTUNG** (Durand, Wis.), 2-1 in a double overtime tie-breaker. It was the first loss of the season for Hartung who fell to 23-1 overall.

Minnesota 23, Michigan State 12
at East Lansing, Mich.

February 15, 1997

118 - No. 3 David Morgan, Mich. St., won by forfeit
126 - Pat Connors, Minn., dec. Jason Nusbaum, Mich. St., 10-3
134 - No. 11 Troy Marr, Minn., dec. Issac Miller, Mich. St., 5-2
142 - No. 3 Jason Davids, Minn., maj. dec. Sam Hakim, Mich. St., 18-8
150 - No. 4 Chad Kraft, Minn., dec. Adam Elderkin, Mich. St., 9-3
158 - Josh Holiday, Minn., dec. Greg DeGrand, Mich. St., 11-5
167 - No. 3 Zac Taylor, Minn., dec. Ralph Conte, Mich. St., 12-10, OT
177 - No. 3 Erich Harvey, Mich. St., dec. Brandon Eggum, Minn., 5-2
190 - No. 4 Brian Picklo, Mich. St., dec. No. 3 Tim Hartung, Minn., 2-1, 2OT tie-breaker
Hwt - Shelton Benjamin, Minn., maj. dec. Marco Sanchez, Mich. St., 14-4

MINNESOTA DISMANTLES NO. 11 MICHIGAN, 28-10: The third-ranked Minnesota wrestling team won eight of 10 bouts Sunday en route to a 28-10 victory at No. 11 Michigan. The win improves the Golden Gophers' season mark to 15-4 overall, 5-1 in the Big Ten. Michigan fell to 9-4 overall, 5-2 in the Big Ten.

Sophomore **TIM HARTUNG** (Durand, Wis.) punctuated the Minnesota win with his ninth pin of the season, sticking the Wolverines' Frank Lodeserto in just 2:59 at 190 pounds. Hartung is now 24-1.

Junior **JASON DAVIDS** (Forest Lake, Minn.), ranked No. 3 nationally, scored a major decision over Gyhandi Hill, 13-4 at 142 pounds.

Junior heavyweight **SHELTON BENJAMIN** (Susanville, Calif.) capped the afternoon with an 11-6 upset victory over No. 6 in Airron Richardson in overtime.

No. 5 **ZAC TAYLOR** (Sandpoint, Idaho) scored a 7-5 win past third-ranked Jeff Catrabone at 167 pounds.

Other winners for Minnesota included **PAT CONNORS** (Longview, Wash.) at 126, **TROY MARR** (Wyoming, Minn.) at 134, **JOSH HOLIDAY** (Anaheim, Calif.) at 158 and **BRANDON EGGUM** (Sidney, Mont.) at 177.

Sophomore **CHAD KRAFT** (Lakefield, Minn.) dropped only his third match of the season, losing to Bill Lacure, 9-0. Kraft is ranked fourth in the country while Lacure is ranked

third.

No. 3 Minnesota 28, No. 11 Michigan 10
at Ann Arbor, Mich.

February 16, 1997

118 - Greg DeLeon, Mich., wins by forfeit
126 - Pat Connors, Minn., dec. Chris Viola, Mich., 9-6
134 - No. 11 Troy Marr, Minn., dec. Corey Grant, Mich., 4-3 OT
142 - No. 3 Jason Davids, Minn., major dec. Gyhandi Hill, Mich., 13-4
150 - No. 3 Bill Lacure, Mich., major dec. No. 4 Chad Kraft, Minn., 9-0
158 - Josh Holiday, Minn., dec. Otto Olson, Mich., 11-9
167 - No. 5 Zac Taylor, Minn., dec. Jeff Catrabone, Mich., 7-5
177 - Brandon Eggum, Minn., dec. Joe DeGain, Mich., 16-9
190 - No. 3 Tim Hartung, Minn., pinned Frank Lodeserto, Mich., 2:59
HWT - Shelton Benjamin, Minn., dec. No. 6 Airron Richardson, Mich., 11-6 OT

TO BE PINNED OR NOT TO BE PINNED: With Tim Hartung's pin of Michigan's Frank Lodeserto last Sunday, the Golden Gophers reached the 75-pin plateau as a team. Minnesota has lost just 13 matches by pin. With a total of 339 match wins, Minnesota now has a pinning percentage of 22 percent in its victories. Hartung and **JASON DAVIDS** (Forest Lake, Minn.) lead the way with nine falls apiece. **BRANDON PAULSON** (Coon Rapids, Minn.) and **CHAD KRAFT** (Lakefield, Minn.) have each notched eight pins.

GOLDEN GOPHERS SOLIDIFY HOLD ON THIRD IN LATEST WRESTLING POLL:

The University of Minnesota wrestling team received third-place votes from all 10 coaches in the latest AWN/NWCA InterMat poll to remain the third-ranked team in the country, in the poll released Feb. 12.

Oklahoma State once again tops the poll, receiving all 10 first-place ballots. Iowa, the two-time reigning NCAA Champion, received all 10 second-place votes.

Amateur Wrestling News/National Wrestling Coaches Association Poll

1. Oklahoma State, 250; 2. Iowa, 240; 3. Minnesota, 230; 4T. Penn State, 215; 4T. Illinois, 215; 6. Edinboro, 199; 7. Rider, 183; 8. Nebraska, 176; 9. Iowa State, 169; 10. Arizona State, 167; 11. Michigan, 136; 12. Pennsylvania, 133; 13. Fresno State, 123; 14. Oklahoma, 120; 15. Michigan State, 104; 16. Lock Haven, 100; 17. CS Bakersfield, 93; 18. Oregon State, 74; 19. Cornell, 69; 20. Purdue, 62; 21. Oregon, 50; 22. North Carolina, 30; 23. Pittsburgh, 25; 24. Lehigh, 24; 25. West Virginia, 18.



TRACK AND FIELD

1997 TRACK & FIELD SCHEDULE

Indoor Track & Field			
DATE	MEET	PLACE	RESULT/TIME
Jan. 4	Early Bird Open	UM Fieldhouse	No team scores
Jan. 11	Northwest Open	UM Fieldhouse	No team scores
Jan. 18	Badger Track Classic	Madison, Wis.	No team scores
Jan. 25	Minnesota Invite	UM Fieldhouse	No team scores
	Manitoba, Drake, Marquette, Iowa		
Jan 31	Mercantile Bank Invite	Cedar Falls, Iowa	5th, 37.25 pts.
Feb. 7-8	Iowa State Invitational	Ames, Iowa	No team scores
Feb. 14	Snowshoe Open	UM Fieldhouse	No team scores
Feb. 22-23	Big Ten Indoor Champ.	Iowa City, Iowa	TBA
Feb. 28	NCAA Qualifying Meet	Ames, Iowa	TBA
Mar. 7-8	NCAA Indoor Champ.	Indianapolis, Ind.	TBA
Outdoor Track & Field			
Mar. 28-29	Florida Relays	Gainesville, Fla.	TBA
Apr. 4-5	Texas Relays	Austin, Texas	TBA
Apr. 5	Cyclone Open	Ames, Iowa	TBA
Apr. 11-12	Sea Ray Relays	Knoxville, Tenn.	TBA
Apr. 19	Hawkeye Invitational	Iowa City, Iowa	TBA
Apr. 25-26	Drake Relays	Des Moines, Iowa	TBA
May 3	TBA	Bierman Field	TBA
May 4	Jesse Owens	Columbus, Ohio	TBA
May 10	Minnesota Invitational	Bierman Field	9 a.m.
May 17	Minnesota Last Chance	Bierman Field	TBA
May 23-24	Big Ten Outdoor Champ.	Champaign, Ill.	TBA
June 4-7	NCAA Outdoor Champ.	Bloomington, Ind.	TBA

BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS NEXT ON

SCHEDULE: Minnesota's track and field team will compete next at the Big Ten Indoor Championships on Feb. 22-23 in Iowa City, Iowa.

GOLDEN GOPHERS WIN SIX INDIVIDUAL TITLES AT SNOWSHOE OPEN:

In a tune-up meet for the Big Ten Indoor Championships, Minnesota claimed six individual titles at the Snowshoe Open Feb. 14 at the U of M Fieldhouse.

Minnesota's **JON ANDERSON** (Jr., Morris, Minn.) and **TYE HARVEY** (Sr., Jamestown, Calif.) tied for the pole vault crown and provisionally qualified for the NCAA meet in the process. Each had marks of 17-1 1/2 (5.22m). Harvey's vault marked the fourth straight meet in which he has provisionally qualified for the NAAs, while Anderson's mark was a personal best.

CHAD YENCHESKY (Jr., DePere, Wis.) won the shot put with a toss of 56-10 3/4 (17.34m). **ADAM FREED** (Fr., Proctor, Minn.) took first in the 400-meter dash with a time of 48.99. **SCOTT BEADLE** (Sr., Moorhead, Minn.) won the 600-meter dash in a time of 1:21.68. **NILES DENEEN** (Jr., St. Paul, Minn.) took first in the 55-meter high hurdles with a personal-best time of 7.50. **MARCUS WESTBERRY** (So., Minneapolis, Minn.) won the triple jump with a leap of 48-7 1/4 (14.81m).

MINNESOTA ALSO CLAIMS SIX SECOND-PLACE FINISHES IN OPEN: Minnesota also finished second in six individual events at the Snowshoe Open. **NATE CLAY** (So., Eden Prairie, Minn.) took second in the 800-meter run with a time of 1:56.92. **JEREMY POLSON** (Fr., Duluth, Minn.) finished second in the mile run with a personal-best time of 4:18.84. **CHRIS ANDERSON** (Fr., Chisago City, Minn.) placed second in the 3,000-meter run with a personal-best time of 4:18.84. **BEN JENSEN** (So., Mandal, Norway) finished second in the 55-meter hurdles with a personal-best time of 7.52. Westberry took second in the long jump with a leap of 22-6 1/2 (6.87m). **JEFF MARSH** (So., Seymour, Wis.) finished second in the shot put with a toss of 55-5 1/2 (16.90m).

No team scores were kept at the open meet.

EVENT RESULTS FROM THE SNOWSHOE OPEN:

55 Meter Dash: 3. Ben Jensen, Minnesota, 6.66.

400 Meter Dash: 1. Adam Freed, Minnesota, 48.99. 3. Aaron Wheatcraft, Minnesota, 50.71.

600 Meter Dash: 1. Scott Beadle, Minnesota, 1:21.68.

800 Meter Run: 2. Nate Clay, Minnesota, 1:56.92.

Mile Run: 2. Jeremy Polson, Minnesota, 4:18.84.

3000 Meter Run: 2. Chris Anderson, Minnesota, 8:40.33; 3. Charles McClure, Minnesota, 8:43.06; 4. Mike Stoick, Minnesota, 8:48.86.

55m High Hurdles: 1. Niles Deneen, Minn., 7.50; 2. Ben Jensen, Minn., 7.52; 3. Aaron Wheatcraft, Minn., 7.78.

Long Jump: 2. Marcus Westberry, Minn., 22-6 1/2 (6.87m).

Triple Jump: 1. Marcus Westberry, Minn., 48-7 1/4 (14.81)

Shot Put: 1. Chad Yenchesky, Minnesota, 56-10 3/4 (17.34m); 2. Jeff Marsh, Minnesota, 55-5 1/2 (16.90); 4. Adam Reed, Minnesota, 52-4 3/4 (15.97m).

Pole Vault: 1. Jon Anderson, Minnesota, 17-1 1/2 (5.22m); 1. Tye Harvey, Minnesota, 17-1 1/2 (5.22); 3. Ben Jensen, Minnesota, 16-7 1/2 (5.07); 4. Seth Mischke, Minnesota, 16-1 3/4 (4.92).

1997 PROVISIONAL INDOOR QUALIFIERS:

Athlete	Event	Score	Meet
Ben Jensen	Pole Vault	17-2 1/4 (5.20)	1/18
Tye Harvey	Pole Vault	17-4 1/2 (5.30)	1/25
Wil Kurth	High Jump	7-1 (2.16)	1/25
Tye Harvey	Pole Vault	17-9 (5.41)	1/31
Chad Yenchesky	Shot Put	57-2 (17.42)	1/31
Tye Harvey	Pole Vault	17-9 1/4 (5.42)	2/8
Ben Jensen	Pole Vault	17-6 1/2 (5.35)	2/8
Chad Yenchesky	Shot Put	58-7 1/4 (17.86)	2/8
Jon Anderson	Pole Vault	17-1 1/2 (5.22)	2/14
Tye Harvey	Pole Vault	17-1 1/2 (5.22)	2/14



GYMNASTICS

1997 GYMNASTICS SCHEDULE

DATE	MEET	PLACE	SCORE/TIME
Jan. 11	Alumni Meet	Sports Pavilion	L / 217.925
Jan. 18	Windy City Invite	Chicago, Ill.	7th/211.900
Jan. 31	Iowa	Iowa City, Iowa	L/223.875
Feb. 8	Michigan and Michigan State	Sports Pavilion	W/222.100
Feb. 15	Winter Cup	Battle Creek, Mich.	No team scores
Feb. 22	New Mexico and Santa Barbara	Albuquerque, N.M.	7:00 p.m.
Mar. 1	Ohio State	Sports Pavilion	1:00 p.m.
Mar. 9	Nebraska	Lincoln, Neb.	2:00 p.m.
Mar. 22-23	Big Ten Champ.	Sports Pavilion	1:00 p.m.
Mar. 29	Illinois-Chicago	Chicago, Ill.	2:00 p.m.
Apr. 5	NCAA Regionals	West Point, N.Y.	TBA
Apr. 17-19	NCAA Champ.	Iowa City, Iowa	TBA

Bold indicates home meets

NEW MEXICO TRIP UP NEXT: The Golden Gophers travel to Albuquerque, N.M. Saturday to compete in dual meets against No. 8 New Mexico and No. 22 Cal-Santa Barbara.

GYMNASTS TAKE WEEK OFF: No current Golden Gophers competed in last week's Winter Cup in Battle Creek, Mich.

GOLDEN GOPHERS RANKED 12TH IN NATION: The University of Minnesota men's gymnastics team is ranked 10th in the NCAA National Rankings released this week. The Golden Gophers are also the seventh-ranked team in the Eastern Region. The team faces eight squads currently ranked in the nation's top 25 this season (Ohio State - 1st, Iowa - 2nd, Michigan State - 5th, New Mexico - 8th, Nebraska - 9th, Illinois-Chicago - 13th, Michigan - 15th, Santa Barbara - 22nd).

KROB IS MINNESOTA'S TOP RANKED GYMNAST: With his career-high score of 9.825 on the pommel horse at last weekend's dual meet at No. 2 Iowa, sophomore **JASON KROB** (St. Charles, Mo.) is ranked fourth in the nation and second in the Eastern Region.

Senior co-captains **FRANK TICKNOR** (Milwaukee, Wis.) and **HEATH WALL** (Sterling Heights, Minn.) also appear in the national rankings. Wall is ranked 12th in the country with a 9.700 in the still rings, and Ticknor is 10th

ranked all-arounder.

NCAA Team National Rankings - Feb. 10 (by high score):

1. Ohio State
2. Iowa
3. Penn State
4. Cal-Berkeley
5. Michigan State
6. Oklahoma
7. UMass
8. New Mexico
9. Nebraska
10. Illinois
11. Brigham Young
12. Minnesota
13. Illinois-Chicago
14. Stanford
15. Michigan

MINNESOTA SEASON BESTS:

Team Performances:

Team Score	223.875	at Iowa 1/31/97
Floor Exercise	36.700	at Iowa 1/31/97
Pommel Horse	38.075	at Iowa 1/31/97
Still Rings	37.800	at Iowa 1/31/97
Vault	37.450	at Iowa 1/31/97
Parallel Bars	36.850	vs. Mich/MSU 2/8
Horizontal Bar	37.950	vs. Mich/MSU 2/8

Individual Performances:

Floor Exercise	9.550	Frank Ticknor (at Iowa)
Pommel Horse	9.825	Jason Krob (at Iowa)
Still Rings	9.700	Heath Wall (twice)
Vault	9.550	Lindsey Fang (at Iowa)
Parallel Bars	9.400	Heath Wall (vs. Mich/MSU)
Horizontal Bar	9.600	Heath Wall (at Iowa)
All-Around	57.000	Frank Ticknor (at Iowa)



SWIMMING AND DIVING

1996-97 SWIMMING & DIVING SCHEDULE

DATE	MEET	RESULT/TIME
Oct. 19	Alumni Meet (Aquatic Center)	Non-Scored
Oct. 26	Intra-squad (Aquatic Center)	G-153.5, M-139.5
Nov. 1	Tar Heel Invitational (Chapel Hill, N.C.)	Non-Scored
Nov. 2	North Carolina (Chapel Hill, N.C.)	W 153-145
Nov. 16	Nebraska (Aquatic Center)	W 175-125
Nov. 22	Minnesota Invite (Aquatic Center)	1st/1,409
Dec. 20	Miami (Miami, Fla.)	W 66-47
Jan. 10	Kansas (Aquatic Center)	W 163-80
Jan. 11	Gold Country Invite (Aquatic Center)	1st/1,221
Jan. 18	Northwestern (Evanston, Ill.)	W 181.5-116.5
Jan. 25	Iowa (Aquatic Center)	W 210-89
Jan. 31	Quad Duals - Purdue & Wisconsin (AC)	2-0
Feb. 14	Minnesota Challenge (Aquatic Center)	NTS
Feb. 27	Big Ten Championships (Bloomington, Ind)	11 a.m.
Mar. 6	Go-Pher-It Invitational (Aquatic Center)	3 p.m.
Mar. 14	NCAA Diving - Zone Qualifying (AC)	TBA
Mar. 27	NCAA Championships (Aquatic Center)	Noon

BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS IN SIGHT: The ninth-ranked Minnesota men's swimming and diving will officially set its sights this week on defending its Big Ten title. The next meet for the Golden Gophers will be the Big Ten Championships in Bloomington, Ind., February 27-28 and March 1.

MINNESOTA DOMINATES OWN CHALLENGE MEET: The Golden Gophers dominated its own Minnesota Challenge, February 14-15 at the University Aquatic Center, winning 12 of 13 individual events.

Freshman **BRYAN CARLSON** (Rosemount, Minn.) captured individual titles in the 100, 200 and 500 freestyle, clocking times of 46.03, 1:40.34 and 4:32.54, respectively.

Nine other Golden Gopher swimmers won individual titles, including **JEREMY RIENTS** (Apple Valley, Minn.), **MANOLIS LENTARIS** (Crete, Greece), **BRIAN HOWARD** (Roeland Park, Kan.), **JOHN CAHOY** (Hudson, Wis.), **STELIOS SARDELAS** (Athens, Greece), **BRIAN STROSHANE** (Richfield, Minn.), **ADAM FRANKOW** (Shelby, Ohio), **JEFF RODRIGUEZ** (Pecos, Texas) and **MARTIN ZIELINSKI** (Bloomington, Minn.).

Minnesota Challenge
February 14-15, 1997
at University Aquatic Center

50 Freestyle: 1. Jeremy Rients, Minn., 20.89; 2. Adam Frankow, Minn., 21.16; 3. Jeremy Witikko, Minn., 21.21

200 IM: 1. Manolis Lentaris, Minn., 1:55.05; 2. Yoav Meiri, Minn., 1:53.35; 3. Marc Teichman, Minn., 1:53.51

500 Freestyle: 1. Bryan Carlson, Minn., 4:32.54; 2. Brian Stroshane, Minn., 4:33.60; 3. Jono McLeod, Minn., 4:37.81

200 Freestyle Relay: 1. St. Thomas, 1:35.87; 2. Gustavus Adolphus, 1:35.97

400 Medley Relay: 1. Gustavus Adolphus, 4:01.86

200 Medley Relay: 1. Alumni, 1:36.29; 2. St. Thomas A, 1:47.21; 3. Gustavus Adolphus, 1:49.32

400 IM: 1. Brian Howard, Minn., 4:06.66; 2. Jeff Miller, Minn., 4:08.34; 3. Gary Taylor, unatt., 4:10.48

100 Butterfly: 1. John Cahoy, Minn., 50.46; 2. Yoav Meiri, Minn., 50.67; 3. Eriek Hulseman, Minn., 51.41

200 Freestyle: 1. Bryan Carlson, Minn., 1:40.34; 2. Jeremy Witikko, Minn., 1:41.21; 3. Matt Schlessman, Minn., 1:41.46

100 Breaststroke: 1. Stelios Sardelas, Minn., 56.44; 2. Marc Teichman, Minn., 57.20; 3. Rick Gardiner, Minn., 58.72

100 Backstroke: 1. Alexandre Massura, unatt., 50.38; Adam Frankow, Minn., 51.47; Ryan Crosby, Minn., 52.80

1650 Freestyle: 1. Brian Stroshane, Minn., 15:53.62; 2. Gary Taylor, unatt., 16:13.28; 3. Manolis Lentaris, Minn., 17:24.32

200 Backstroke: 1. Adam Frankow, Minn., 1:51.66; 2. Bill Bishop, Minn., 1:52.55; 3. Yoav Meiri, Minn., 1:52.86

100 Freestyle: Bryan Carlson, Minn., 46.03; 2. Jeremy Witikko, Minn., 46.34; 3. Alexandre Massura, unatt., 46.44

200 Breaststroke: 1. Jeff Rodriguez, Minn., 2:05.22; 2. Stelios Sardelas, Minn., 2:06.02; 3. Brian Howard, Minn., 2:09.72

200 Butterfly: 1. Martin Zielinski, Minn., 1:50.97; 2. Jonathan McLeod, Minn., 1:53.35; 3. John Cahoy, Minn., 1:53.55

400 Freestyle Relay: 1. Gustavus Adolphus, 3:35.99



BASEBALL

BASEBALL ON SOUTHERN TRIP: The Golden Gophers will face South Alabama in a single game on Monday at 1 p.m. The squad will then play one game at New Orleans on Wednesday at 7 p.m. On Friday, Minnesota will travel to Hattiesburg, Miss., for three games against the Southern Mississippi Golden Eagles (Friday at 6:30 p.m., Saturday at 2 p.m. and Sunday at 1 p.m.).

PROJECTED STARTERS:

Monday: **BRAD PAUTZ** (R, So., Reedsville, Wis.)
Wednesday: **BEN BIRK** (R, Fr., St. Paul, Minn.)
Friday: **JUSTIN PEDERSON** (R, Jr., Chippewa Falls, Wis.)
Saturday: **MIKE DIEBOLT** (L, Sr., Mayfield Village, Ohio)
Sunday: **BRAD PAUTZ** (R, So., Reedsville, Wis.)

GOLDEN GOPHERS DROP TWO GAMES:

Minnesota lost its first two games in the Coca-Cola Classic Tournament in Mobile, Ala. On Saturday, the South Alabama Jaguars defeated the Golden Gophers 5-2. In the consolation game on Sunday, the Southern Mississippi Golden Eagles beat the Golden Gophers 3-2 on a pinch single in the 10th inning.

For more information, please call Minnesota baseball SID Erich Bacher at the Quality Inn in Hattiesburg, Miss., at (601) 544-4530.



TENNIS

NETTERS OPEN BIG TEN DUAL ACTION:

The Golden Gophers will open Big Ten dual match action this weekend on the road at Indiana (Friday, 6 p.m.) and at Ohio State (Saturday, 7 p.m.). Minnesota has won four of the last five Big Ten Championships.

GOPHERS DROP MATCH TO #8 JAYHAWKS:

Minnesota lost to No. 8 Kansas Saturday night in a dual meet at the 98th Street Racquet Club. The Jayhawks won six singles matches and three doubles matches to defeat the Golden Gophers by a score of 7-0.

GOLDEN GOPHER LEADERS: Sophomore **TOM CHICOINE** (Neenah, Wis.) leads the Golden Gophers at this point of the season with a 15-4 overall record. Senior **BEN GABLER** (Chambersburg, Pa.) has a 9-7 mark early in the season. Freshman **MARTIN MICHAELOWSKI** (Bloomington, Minn.) is also on the winning side with a 9-6 record in singles action.

ON THE HORIZON: Minnesota will travel to New Orleans, La., on March 2 to compete in a dual meet with the Tulane Green Wave at 11:30 a.m.

KANSAS DUAL MATCH RESULTS:

Singles:

Enrique Abaroa, KU, defeated Ben Gabler, MN, 6-3, 7-6
Xavier Avila, KU, defeated Tom Chicoine, MN, 3-6, 7-5, 6-4
Fernando Sierra, KU, defeated John Cheregi, MN, 6-4, 6-4
Luis Uribe, KU, defeated Adam Selkirk, MN, 6-7, 7-5, 6-0
Trent Tucker, KU, defeated Martin Kristoffersen, MN, 6-4, 6-3
Ryan Baxter, KU, defeated Robin Rutili, MN, 6-1, 1-6, 7-5

Doubles:

Abaroa/Avila, KU, def. Gabler/Selkirk, MN, 8-6
Sierra/Uribe, KU, def. Cheregi/Kristoffersen, MN, 8-6
Baxter/Tucker, KU, def. Chicoine/Michaelowski, MN, 9-7



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Monday, Feb. 24:

Head swimming coach **Dennis Dale**

Tuesday, Feb. 25:

Head basketball coach **Clem Haskins'** Media Luncheon

Wednesday, Feb. 26:

Head baseball coach **John Anderson**

Thursday, Feb. 27:

Junior defenseman **Brian LaFleur**

Friday, Feb. 28:

Junior wing **Casey Hankinson**

Saturday, March 1 - Sunday, March 2:

Assistant hockey coach **Tom Ward's** post-Wisconsin comments

DON'T FORGET MARCH MADNESS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA...

The University of Minnesota will host these major championships in the month of March!

- March 8-9 Big Ten Wrestling @ Williams Arena
- March 13-15 WCHA Final Five @ St. Paul Civic Center
- March 22-23 Big Ten Gymnastics @ Sports Pavilion
- March 27-29 NCAA Swimming and Diving @ U of M Aquatic Center

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This Week in Gopher Sports

Mon,
Feb. 24

- Golf at San Juan Shootout
San Juan, Puerto Rico, All day

Tues,
Feb. 25

- Golf at San Juan Shootout
San Juan, Puerto Rico, All day

Wed,
Feb. 26

- Basketball at Michigan Wolverines
Crisler Arena, Midwest Sports Chan.
WCCO-AM 830, 7 p.m.
- Swimming at Big Ten Championships
Bloomington, Ind., Noon/7 p.m.

Thurs,
Feb. 27

- Swimming at Big Ten Championships
Bloomington, Ind., Noon/7 p.m.

Fri,
Feb. 28

- Swimming at Big Ten Championships
Bloomington, Ind., Noon/7 p.m.
- Baseball vs. Nebraska Cornhuskers
Hormel Foods Classic
H.H.H. Metrodome
KSGS-AM 950, 6:30 p.m.
- Hockey vs. Wisconsin Badgers
Target Center
Midwest Sports Channel
KSTP-AM 1500, 7 p.m.
- Track at NCAA Qualifying Meet
Ames, Iowa, TBA

Sat,
Mar. 1

- Swimming at Big Ten Championships
Bloomington, Ind., Noon/7 p.m.
- Gymnastics vs. Ohio State Buckeyes
Sports Pavilion, 1 p.m.
- Baseball vs. Washington Huskies
Hormel Foods Classic
H.H.H. Metrodome
KSGS-AM 950, 1:30 p.m.
- Basketball vs. Indiana Hoosiers
Williams Arena
WCCO-AM 830
Channel 4, 3:30 p.m.
- Hockey vs. Wisconsin Badgers
Mariucci Arena
Midwest Sports Channel
KSTP-AM 1500, 7:35 p.m.

Sun,
Mar. 2

- Tennis at Tulane Green Wave
New Orleans, La., 11:30 a.m.
- Baseball vs. UCLA Bruins
Hormel Foods Classic
H.H.H. Metrodome, MSC
KSGS-AM 950, 1:05 p.m.

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WRESTLING

1996-97 WRESTLING SCHEDULE

DATE	MEET	PLACE	SCORE/TIME
All Unattached			
Nov. 16	Bison Open	Fargo, N.D.	All Day
Nov. 23	UNO Open	Omaha, Neb.	All Day
Nov. 29	Northern Open	Madison, Wis.	All Day
Official Team Schedule			
Nov. 22	North Dakota St.	Fargo, N.D.	W, 42-3
Dec. 6	Northwestern	Williams	W, 35-3
Dec. 15	Clarion Duals	Clarion, Pa.	1st Place
		- Ohio U	W, 39-4
		- Clarion	W, 34-9
		- Rider	W, 27-12
Dec. 17	S. Connecticut St.	New Haven, Conn.	W, 46-6
Jan. 4	Iowa State	Williams	L, 16-19
Jan. 7	Nebraska	Lincoln, Neb.	W, 29-12
Jan. 10	South Dakota St.	Williams	Cancelled
Jan. 18-19	National Duals	Lincoln, Neb.	3rd Place
		- Missouri Valley	W, 48-0
		- Penn State	W, 21 -10
		- Iowa	L, 23-12
		- Michigan State	W, 28-9
		- Penn State	W, 19-15
Jan. 24	Iowa	Iowa City, Iowa	L, 29-12
Jan. 31	Oklahoma State	Stillwater, Okla.	L, 26-10
Feb. 2	Wisconsin	Williams	W, 28-9
Feb. 9	Penn State	Pavilion	W, 28-7
Feb. 15	Michigan State	East Lansing, Mich.	W, 23-12
Feb. 16	Michigan	Ann Arbor, Mich.	W, 28-10
Feb. 23	Ohio State	Pavilion	W, 23-16
Mar. 8-9	Big Tens	Home	All Day
Mar. 20-22	NCAA's	Cedar Falls, Iowa	All Day

Bold indicates home meets

WRESTLERS TO HOST BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS AT WILLIAMS ARENA:

The third-ranked Minnesota wrestling team will host the 1996-97 Big Ten Wrestling Championships March 8-9 in Williams Arena. On Saturday, the first session begins at 10 a.m. and the second begins at 6 p.m. On Sunday, action begins at noon.

THE COACH: The Golden Gophers' J Robinson (Oklahoma State, 1969) is currently in his 11th year and has guided Minnesota to a 148-74-3 record and two runner-up Big Ten finishes. Robinson has coached 10 Big Ten champions and 23 NCAA All-Americans. He is 16-4 in 1996-97.

MINNESOTA PROJECTED STARTING LINE-UP FOR BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Wgt., Name, Yr., Hometown, Overall
 118, Brandon Paulson, Jr., Coon Rapids, Minn., 16-2
 126, No. 11 Pat Connors, So., Longview, Wash., 13-6
 134, No. 11 Troy Marr, So., Wyoming, Minn., 22-7
 142, No. 3 Jason Davids, Jr., Forest Lake, Minn., 28-2
 150, No. 4 Chad Kraft, So., Lakefield, Minn., 24-3
 158, Josh Holiday, So., Anaheim, Calif., 23-8
 167, No. 6 Zac Taylor, Jr., Sandpoint, Idaho, 18-5
 177, Brandon Eggum, Fr., Sidney, Mont., 17-6
 190, No. 3 Tim Hartung, So., Durand, Wis., 25-1
 Hwt, Shelton Benjamin, Jr., Susanville, Calif., 17-11

THIRD-RANKED MINNESOTA WRESTLERS DECISION OHIO STATE, 23-16:

The third-ranked Minnesota wrestling team closed its 1996-97 season with a 23-16 win over Ohio State at the Sports Pavilion.

The Golden Gophers trailed 9-6 when junior **JASON DAVIDS** of Forest Lake, scored a 6-4 decision past Brian Roskovich at 142 pounds, knotting the team score at 9-9. Minnesota then won five of the next six weight classes to clinch the win.

Third-ranked **TIM HARTUNG**, a sophomore from Durand, Wis., improved his season record to 25-1 with a 14-5 major decision over No. 8 Anthony Gary. It was the 16th time this season that Hartung has won by pin or major decision.

Sophomore **PAT CONNORS** of Longview, Wash., erased a 6-0 Minnesota deficit with a pin of Mike Glane in 4:30 at 126 pounds. It was Connors' third pin of the year.

Other Golden Gopher winners included No. 4 **CHAD KRAFT**, a junior from Lakefield, Minn., who decisioned Dan DiCesare at 150 pounds.

Sophomore **JOSH HOLIDAY** of Anaheim, Calif., won his fifth straight match with a 13-5 major decision over Peter Rogers.

No. 6 **ZAC TAYLOR** of Sandpoint, Idaho, scored a 14-8 decision past Scott Overholt at 167 pounds.

Minnesota's **TROY MARR**, (So., Wyoming, Minn.) ranked No. 11 in the nation, was upset by unranked Jeff Bucher, 9-2, at 134 pounds.

NO. 3 MINNESOTA 23, OHIO STATE 16

February 23, 1997 at Minneapolis, Minn.

118 - Matt Fratta (OSU) wins by forfeit; 126 - No. 11 Pat Connors (M) pinned Mike Glane, 4:30; 134 - Jeff Bucher (OSU) dec. No. 11 Troy Marr, 9-2; 142 - No. 3 Jason Davids (M) dec. Brian Roskovich, 6-4; 150 - No. 4 Chad Kraft (M) dec. Dan DiCesare, 5-2; 158 - Josh Holiday (M) maj. dec. Peter Rogers, 13-5; 167 - No. 6 Zac Taylor (M) dec. Scott Overholt,

14-8; 177 - No. 7 Mitch Clark (OSU) maj. dec. Brandon Eggum, 12-0; 190 - No. 3 Tim Hartung (M) maj. dec. No. 8 Anthony Gary, 14-5; Hwt - Nick Nutter (OSU) dec. Shelton Benjamin, 2-1

MINNESOTA WRESTLERS STAY AT NO. 3 IN COUNTRY; SIX GOLDEN GOPHERS

NATIONALLY RANKED: The University of Minnesota wrestling team remained the third-ranked team in the country for the fourth straight week, behind Oklahoma State and Iowa. The Golden Gophers improved to 16-4 overall and 6-1 in the Big Ten with the win over Ohio State this week-end.

Six Golden Gopher wrestlers are currently ranked in the top 12 in their respective weight classes. Leading the way are Jason Davids and Tim Hartung, both of whom are ranked No. 3.

Davids has a 27-2 record at 142 pounds. Hartung boasts a 24-1 record at 190 pounds. Hartung suffered his first setback of the year on Feb. 15, losing to No. 4 Brian Picklo of Michigan State.

Chad Kraft held on to his No. 4 ranking at 150 pounds, while Zac Taylor slipped one spot to No. 6 in the country at 167 pounds. Kraft's overall record is 21-3 while Taylor weighs in at 17-5.

Troy Marr maintained his hold on the No. 11 spot at 134 pounds and improved his record to 22-6, tied for third on the squad in wins.

Debuting in the national rankings this week was Pat Connors. Connors has won his last three matches at 126 pounds to improve his season record to 12-6 and is ranked No. 11.

In addition to the six ranked wrestlers, Minnesota also expects to regain the services of 118-pound junior Brandon Paulson of Coon Rapids. Paulson was ranked sixth at 118 pounds before being sidelined with an ankle injury in January. He is expected to compete at the Big Ten Championships.

NWCA/AWN Collegiate Wrestling Poll (February 20, 1997)
1. Oklahoma State, 325; 2. Iowa, 312; 3. Minnesota, 298; 4. Illinois, 282; 5. Penn State, 278; 6. Edinboro, 258; 7. Rider, 240; 8. Nebraska, 226; 9. Iowa State, 225; 10. Arizona State, 217.



GOLF

UP NEXT: The Golden Gophers open the spring season with the NCAA Shootout in San Juan, Puerto Rico Monday and Tuesday.

EARLIER THIS YEAR: The Golden Gophers finished in the top five in three of four tournaments they competed in during the fall season. The team finished with a team stroke average of 295.2. All-America candidate **ROB KERR** (Jr., Pointe Claire, Quebec, Canada) led the Golden Gophers through the fall season with a 73.7 stroke average followed by Big Ten Freshman of the Year candidate **MARTIN LE MESURIER** (South Hampton, England) who had a 73.9 stroke average.

Minnesota won its own Reliastar Collegiate Invitational in September, coming from one stroke down on the final day of competition to win by eight strokes. Kerr birdied the 18th hole to tie for medalist honors.

ON THE HORIZON: Following the NCAA Shootout, Minnesota travels to Hattiesburg, Miss., for the Bridges All-American Tournament on March 3-4.



TRACK AND FIELD

1997 TRACK & FIELD SCHEDULE

Indoor Track & Field			
DATE	MEET	PLACE	RESULT/TIME
Jan. 4	Early Bird Open	UM Fieldhouse	No team scores
Jan. 11	Northwest Open	UM Fieldhouse	No team scores
Jan. 18	Badger Track Classic	Madison, Wis.	No team scores
Jan. 25	Minnesota Invite	UM Fieldhouse	No team scores
Manitoba, Drake, Marquette, Iowa			
Jan 31	Mercantile Bank Invite	Cedar Falls, Iowa	5th/37.25 pts.
Feb. 7-8	Iowa State Invitational	Ames, Iowa	No team scores
Feb. 14	Snowshoe Open	UM Fieldhouse	No team scores
Feb. 22-23	Big Ten Indoor Champ.	Iowa City, Iowa	3rd/83.33 pts.
Feb. 28	NCAA Qualifying Meet	Ames, Iowa	TBA
Mar. 7-8	NCAA Indoor Champ.	Indianapolis, Ind.	TBA
Outdoor Track & Field			
Mar. 28-29	Florida Relays	Gainesville, Fla.	TBA
Apr. 4-5	Texas Relays	Austin, Texas	TBA
Apr. 5	Cyclone Open	Ames, Iowa	TBA
Apr. 11-12	Sea Ray Relays	Knoxville, Tenn.	TBA
Apr. 19	Hawkeye Invitational	Iowa City, Iowa	TBA
Apr. 25-26	Drake Relays	Des Moines, Iowa	TBA
May 3	TBA	Bierman Field	TBA
May 4	Jesse Owens	Columbus, Ohio	TBA
May 10	Minnesota Invitational	Bierman Field	9 a.m.
May 17	Minnesota Last Chance	Bierman Field	TBA
May 23-24	Big Ten Outdoor Champ.	Champaign, Ill.	TBA
June 4-7	NCAA Outdoor Champ.	Bloomington, Ind.	TBA

NCAA QUALIFYING MEET UP NEXT FOR GOLDEN GOPHERS: Minnesota will compete next in the NCAA Qualifying Meet on Feb. 28 in Ames, Iowa.

MINNESOTA FINISHES THIRD AT BIG TEN INDOORS: The Minnesota track and field team placed third at the Big Ten Indoor Track and Field Championships this past weekend in Iowa City, Iowa. The squad finished with 83 1/3 points. Wisconsin won the meet with 126 points. The Golden Gophers also finished third at last year's indoor meet.

JENSEN AND STRAND SET CONFERENCE RECORDS: Minnesota's **BENJAMIN JENSEN** (So., Mandal, Norway) set a Big Ten record in the heptathlon and **STAFFAN STRAND** (Fr., Upplands-Vasby, Sweden) set a Big Ten meet record in the high jump at the Big Ten Indoor Track and Field Championships this past weekend in Iowa City, Iowa. Jensen won five of the seven events in the heptathlon and scored 5,648 points. He broke the old mark of 5,539 points set by Wisconsin's James Dunkleberger last year.

Strand set the high jump record with a leap of 7-4 1/2 (2.25m). The mark also automatically qualifies him for the NCAA meet.

HARVEY AUTOMATICALLY QUALIFIES FOR NCAA MEET: Minnesota senior **TYE HARVEY** (Jamestown, Calif.) automatically qualified for the NCAA meet in the pole vault at the Big Ten Indoor Track and Field Championships this past weekend in Iowa City, Iowa. He won the event at the Big Ten indoor meet with a school-record jump of 18-1 3/4 (5.52m).

MISCHKE, JENSEN SHINE IN POLE VAULT: Golden Gopher **SETH MISCHKE** (Sr., Worland, Wyo.) finished second to Harvey in the pole vault, while Jensen tied for third in the event. Mischke had a vault of 16-5 1/2 (5.02m). Jensen had a mark of 16-1 3/4 (4.92m).

SHOT PUTTERS HAVE STRONG SHOWING AT BIG TEN INDOORS: Minnesota's **JEFF MARSH** (So., Seymour, Wis.) finished third in the shot put with a personal-best of 57-3 (17.45m). The mark provisionally qualifies him for the NAAs. **CHAD YENCHESKY'S** (Jr., DePere, Wis.) throw of 56-11 1/4 (17.35m) was good for fourth.

RESULTS FROM THE BIG TEN INDOORS:

Team Results

1. Wisconsin, 126; 2. Illinois, 96 1/2; 3. Minnesota, 83 1/3; 4. Iowa, 82; 5. Michigan, 67 1/3; 6. Indiana, 50 1/2; 7. Purdue, 58; 8. Michigan State, 41; 9. Ohio State, 39; 10. Penn State, 29 1/3.

Event Results

Shot Put: 3. Jeff Marsh, Minnesota, 57-3 1/4 (17.45m); 4. Chad Yenchesky, Minnesota, 56-11 1/4 (17.35m).
 Pole Vault: 1. Tye Harvey, Minnesota, 18-1 1/4 (5.52m); 2. Seth Mischke, Minnesota, 16-5 1/2 (5.02m); 3. Ben Jensen, Minnesota, 16-1 3/4 (4.92m).
 High Jump: 1. Staffan Strand, Minnesota, 7-4 1/2 (2.25m).
 Heptathlon: 1. Ben Jensen, Minnesota, 5,648; 3. Glenn Lindqvist, Minnesota, 5,278.

1997 AUTOMATIC INDOOR QUALIFIERS:

Athlete	Event	Score	Meet
Staffan Strand	High Jump	7-4 1/2 (2.25)	2/22-23
Tye Harvey	Pole Vault	18-1 3/4 (5.52)	2/22-23

1997 PROVISIONAL INDOOR QUALIFIERS:

Athlete	Event	Score	Meet
Ben Jensen	Pole Vault	17-2 1/4 (5.20)	1/18
Tye Harvey	Pole Vault	17-4 1/2 (5.30)	1/25
Wil Kurth	High Jump	7-1 (2.16)	1/25
Tye Harvey	Pole Vault	17-9 (5.41)	1/31
Chad Yenchesky	Shot Put	57-2 (17.42)	1/31
Tye Harvey	Pole Vault	17-9 1/4 (5.42)	2/8
Ben Jensen	Pole Vault	17-6 1/2 (5.35)	2/8
Chad Yenchesky	Shot Put	58-7 1/4 (17.86)	2/8
Jon Anderson	Pole Vault	17-1 1/2 (5.22)	2/14
Tye Harvey	Pole Vault	17-1 1/2 (5.22)	2/14
Jeff Marsh	Shot Put	57-3 (17.45)	2/22-23



GYMNASTICS

1997 GYMNASTICS SCHEDULE

DATE	MEET	PLACE	SCORE/TIME
Jan. 11	Alumni Meet	Sports Pavilion	L / 217.925
Jan. 18	Windy City Invite	Chicago, Ill.	7th/211:900
Jan. 31	Iowa	Iowa City, Iowa	L/223.875
Feb. 8	Michigan and Michigan State	Sports Pavilion	1st/222.100
Feb. 15	Winter Cup	Battle Creek, Mich.	No team scores
Feb. 22	New Mexico and Santa Barbara	Albuquerque, N.M.	2nd/222.40
Mar. 1	Ohio State	Sports Pavilion	1:00 p.m.
Mar. 9	Nebraska	Lincoln, Neb.	2:00 p.m.
Mar. 22-23	Big Ten Champ.	Sports Pavilion	1:00 p.m.
Mar. 29	Illinois-Chicago	Chicago, Ill.	2:00 p.m.
Apr. 5	NCAA Regionals	West Point, N.Y.	TBA
Apr. 17-19	NCAA Champ.	Iowa City, Iowa	TBA

Bold indicates home meets

OHIO STATE BUCKEYES UP NEXT: The No. 12 Golden Gophers host the No. 1 Ohio State Buckeyes Saturday in the final home dual meet of the season. The meet is set to begin at 1 p.m. in the Sports Pavilion.

LAST WEEK: The University of Minnesota Golden Gopher gymnastics team came in second behind No. 8 New Mexico in a triangular dual meet late Saturday night in Albuquerque, N.M. No. 12 Minnesota finished with 222.40 total team points, behind New Mexico's 228.550 points and ahead of No. 22 Santa Barbara's 204.70.

Senior co-captain **FRANK TICKNOR** (Milwaukee, Wis.) won his second all-around title of the season with 56.150 total points. Freshman **LINDSEY FANG** (Allentown, Pa.) came in third, just 2.5 points off the lead.

CHAD CONNER WINS FIRST EVENT TITLE:

Freshman **CHAD CONNER** (Dallas, Texas) claimed his first event title as a Golden Gopher, winning the parallel bars with a team season-best score of 9.700. Junior **BOB HUBBARD** (Phoenix, Ariz.) tied for second on the parallel bars and tied for third on the horse.

Senior co-captain **HEATH WALL** (Sterling Heights, Mich.) came in second on the horizontal bar and second on the still rings with a team season-best of 9.750. Ticknor finished third on the rings and second in the floor exercise with a Minnesota season-high 9.60. Junior **GEORGE BEATTY** (Aberdeen, N.J.) took second on the horse with a career-high 9.750.

GOLDEN GOPHERS RANKED 12TH IN

NATION: The University of Minnesota men's gymnastics team is ranked 12th in the NCAA National Rankings released this week. The Golden Gophers are also ranked seventh in the Eastern Region and sixth in the Big Ten.

NCAA Team National Rankings – Feb. 17 (by high score):

1. Ohio State; 2. Iowa; 3. Penn State; 4. Nebraska; 5. Cal-Berkeley; 6. Michigan State; 7. Oklahoma; 8. UMass; 9. New Mexico; 10. Illinois; 11. Brigham Young; 12. Minnesota; 13. Illinois-Chicago; 14. Stanford; 15. Navy

KROB IS UM'S TOP RANKED GYMNAST: With his career-high score of 9.825 on the pommel horse, sophomore **JASON KROB** (St. Charles, Mo.) is ranked sixth in the nation and fourth in the Eastern Region.

Senior co-captains **FRANK TICKNOR** (Milwaukee, Wis.) and **HEATH WALL** (Sterling Heights, Minn.) also appear in the national rankings. Wall is tied for 14th in the country with a 9.700 on the rings, and Ticknor is 12th ranked all-arounder.

MINNESOTA RESULTS FROM NEW MEXICO:

Floor Exercise: 2. Frank Ticknor, 9.60; 5. Dan Boots, 9.20; 10. Chad Conner, 8.85; 12. George Beatty, 8.60; t14. Lindsey Fang, 8.55

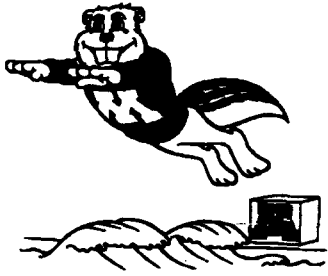
Pommel Horse: 2. George Beatty, 9.75; t3. Bob Hubbard, 9.60; 9. Lindsey Fang, 9.25; 10. Frank Ticknor, 9.20; 12. Jason Krob, 9.05; 13. Heath Wall, 9.0

Still Rings: 2. Heath Wall, 9.75; 3. Frank Ticknor, 9.65; 7. Lindsey Fang, 9.20; 8. Dan Boots, 9.10; 12. Matt Kieffer, 8.75; 15. Mike Mamakos, 8.25

Vault: t4. Frank Ticknor, 9.30; 8. George Beatty, 9.05; 9. Dan Boots, 8.95; t10. Lindsey Fang, 8.85; 17. Chad Conner, 8.25

Parallel Bars: 1. Chad Conner, 9.70; t2. Bob Hubbard, 9.65; 5. Frank Ticknor, 9.45; t7. George Beatty, 9.40; 12. Lindsey Fang, 8.90; 13. Heath Wall, 8.50

High Bar: 2. Heath Wall, 9.45, 7. George Beatty, 9.00, 8. Frank Ticknor, 8.95; 9. Lindsey Fang, 8.90; t11. Dan Boots and Chad Conner, 8.75



SWIMMING AND DIVING

1996-97 SWIMMING & DIVING SCHEDULE

DATE	MEET	RESULT/TIME
Oct. 19	Alumni Meet (Aquatic Center)	Non-Scored
Oct. 26	Intra-squad (Aquatic Center)	G-153.5, M-139.5
Nov. 1	Tar Heel Invitational (Chapel Hill, N.C.)	Non-Scored
Nov. 2	North Carolina (Chapel Hill, N.C.)	W 153-145
Nov. 16	Nebraska (Aquatic Center)	W 175-125
Nov. 22	Minnesota Invite (Aquatic Center)	1st/1,409
Dec. 20	Miami (Miami, Fla.)	W 66-47
Jan. 10	Kansas (Aquatic Center)	W 163-80
Jan. 11	Gold Country Invite (Aquatic Center)	1st/1,221
Jan. 18	Northwestern (Evanston, Ill.)	W 181.5-116.5
Jan. 25	Iowa (Aquatic Center)	W 210-89
Jan. 31	Quad Duals - Purdue & Wisconsin (AC)	2-0
Feb. 14	Minnesota Challenge (Aquatic Center)	NTS
Feb. 27-	Big Ten Championships	11 a.m.
Mar. 1	(Bloomington, Ind)	
Mar. 6	Go-Pher-It Invitational (Aquatic Center)	3 p.m.
Mar. 14	NCAA Diving - Zone Qualifying (AC)	TBA
Mar. 27	NCAA Championships (Aquatic Center)	Noon

UP NEXT: The ninth-ranked Minnesota men's swimming and diving team travels to Bloomington, Ind., this weekend to defend its Big Ten title. The Golden Gophers won the meet a year ago for the first time in 70 years. Action begins Thursday with preliminaries at 11 a.m. and concludes Saturday evening.

LATEST POLL: The University of Minnesota men's swimming and diving team is ranked ninth in the latest Speedo America's Top 25 swimming poll. The Golden Gophers received 237 points while No. 1 Stanford received 335. Michigan, the highest ranked Big Ten team, is seventh, and Indiana (22nd), Ohio State (23rd) and Purdue (24th) were the only other Big Ten schools ranked.

Minnesota was ranked 13th in the preseason poll and is 8-0 this season. The Golden Gophers have been ranked as high as eighth but have been ninth for several weeks.

The complete poll follows:

1. Stanford, 335; 2. Auburn, 331; 3. Tennessee, 319; 4. California, 294; 5. So. Cal., 291; 6. Texas, 288; 7. Michigan, 282; 8. Georgia, 258; 9. Minnesota, 237; 10. Arizona St., 203; 11. Arizona, 189; 12. Florida State, 188; 13. Florida, 165; 14. LSU, 157; 15. North Carolina, 145; 16. Nebraska, 134; 17. Harvard, 125; 18. SMU, 105; 19. N.C. State, 91; 20. Texas A&M, 74; 21. Miami, 59; 22. Indiana, 58; 23. Ohio State, 50; 24T. Purdue, 32; 24T. Alabama, 32

ONE YEAR AGO: After finishing second to Michigan for

six straight years, the Golden Gophers broke through, winning the Big Ten Championship for the first time since 1926. Minnesota won nine of the 21 events contested at the championships, held at the Wolverines' home pool in Ann Arbor, Mich.

The Gophers won a total of eight titles, including three relays, to amass 620.5 points. Michigan placed second with 545.5 points, followed by Ohio State (427), Indiana (414) and Iowa (352).

LOOKING AT 1997: Two athletes responsible for five of the eight titles have graduated - P.J. Bogart (1 meter and 3 meter springboard diving) and Bernie Zeruhn (500 free, 200 free and 200 fly).

However, the Golden Gophers are still loaded and look to repeat in the 400 medley, 800 free and 400 free relays.

Returning All-American **MARTIN ZIELINSKI** (So., Bloomington, Minn.) has lost only once this year in the 100 fly, the event he placed second at in last year's Big Ten meet and 15th at NCAAs. He also looks to improve on his third-place performance in the 200 fly.

Zielinski will play an important part in the 400 medley relay. Two of the four U of M swimmers are back, including breaststroke specialist **MITCH HENKE** (Mandan, N.D.).

Distance freestyler **MANOLIS LENTARIS**, a junior from Crete, Greece, finished second at Big Tens in both the 500 and 1650 free and was part of the champion 400 free relay team.

Also returning in the 400 free relay are sprint specialists **MATT SCHLESSMAN** (Sr., Avon, Ohio) and **JEREMY RIENTS** (Jr., Apple Valley, Minn.).

Another top sprinter is junior **TY BATHURST** of Albuquerque, N.M. Bathurst was second in the Big Ten last year in the 50 free and has consistently been under 21 seconds this year. He, Schlessman and Rients placed one-two-three at the Quad Duals this year with Purdue and Wisconsin. Those three will also make up the heart of the 200 freestyle relay team which won the Big Ten title in 1996.

Backstroke **ERIEK HULSEMAN**, a junior from Edina, Minn., captured the 100 back title at the Minnesota Ivite which featured national powers Iowa State and Florida Atlantic. He was sixth in that event a year ago.

The diving team will be led by senior **ISAAC BJORKLUND**, who hails from New Brighton, Minn. Bjorklund placed in all three diving events last year, including a high finish of third in the platform competition.

QUOTING HEAD COACH DENNIS DALE:

"Our athletes have been more confident all year. Winning last year created a different atmosphere. We know we can win. I am not sure we are the favorites, but we're definitely a co-favorite with Michigan.

"We need everyone to score in order for us to repeat. The last week has been good. We have been fine-tuning our starts, turns and relay exchanges. We need to stay mentally focused and come closer together.

"Indiana has a good team and great divers. The home pool will be a factor for them. Ohio State is maybe the deepest team outside of us and Michigan. Purdue is not as deep, but they have really quality athletes and maybe the only team other than us and Michigan capable of winning a relay."



TENNIS

NETTERS TRAVEL TO TULANE THIS

WEEKEND: The Golden Gophers will be back in competition this weekend as they travel to Tulane University for a match on Sunday, with first serve set for 11:30 a.m. in New Orleans. The Golden Gophers (1-3, 0-2) are ranked 42nd in the latest Rolex/ITA ratings, while the Green Wave are 60th in the nation on the same list.

GOLDEN GOPHERS DROP MATCHES TO INDIANA AND OHIO STATE: Minnesota dropped a pair of matches last weekend to Indiana (4-3 on Friday) and Ohio State (6-1 on Saturday). The Golden Gophers won the doubles point in both matches but were beaten by both the Hoosiers (4-2) and the Buckeyes (6-0) in singles competition. Minnesota has not started a Big Ten season 0-2 since 1978, when they finished the season with a 17-12 overall record and a 6-7 mark in conference action.

ON THE HORIZON: Minnesota will continue on its early-season road journeys as the team will be guests at the Corpus Christi Team Tourney (March 7-9). The Golden Gophers' next Big Ten action takes place on Fri., March 14 as Iowa comes to Rochester, Minn., for a designated home match at the Rochester Athletic Club beginning at 6 p.m.

RESULTS FROM INDIANA DUAL:

Singles

1. Anton Klaric (IU) def. Ben Gabler (UM) 6-4, 6-2
2. Tom Chicoine (UM) def. Kevin Gabel (IU) 6-4, 5-7, 6-3
3. Adam Selkirk (UM) def. George McGill (IU) 6-3, 6-4
4. Hayden Gibson (IU) def. John Cheregi (UM) 6-2, 7-5
5. Scott Lippitt (IU) def. M. Kristoffersen (UM) 6-7, 6-4, 6-4
6. M. Michaelowski (UM) def. Andrew Held (IU) 6-4, 6-7, 7-5

Doubles

1. McGill/Pope (IU) def. Selkirk/Gabler (UM) 9-8
2. Montilla/Klaric (IU) def. Cheregi/Kristoffersen (UM) 8-6
3. Michaelowski/Robin Rutili (UM) def. Held/Gabel 8-2

RESULTS FROM OHIO STATE DUAL:

1. Marc Wurtzman (OSU) def. Ben Gabler (UM) 2-6, 7-5, 6-3
2. Scott Wiles (OSU) def. Tom Chicoine (UM) 6-3, 2-6, 6-4
3. Vo Chu (OSU) def. John Cheregi (UM) 7-6, 6-4
4. Ben Basil (OSU) def. Adam Selkirk (UM) 3-6, 6-1, 6-4
5. Andrew Carlson (OSU) def. M. Kristoffersen (UM) 6-2, 6-1
6. Shaun Crichlow (OSU) def. Robin Rutili (UM) 6-2, 4-6, 6-2

Doubles

1. Gabler/Selkirk (UM) def. Wiles/Basil (OSU) 8-4
2. Kristoffersen/Cheregi (UM) def. Johansen/Wurtzman (OSU) 8-6
3. Martin Michaelowski/Rutili (UM) def. Crichlow/Freedman (OSU) 9-8



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Monday, March 3:

Junior defenseman **Mike Crowley**

Tuesday, March 4:

Head basketball coach **Clem Haskins'** Media Luncheon

Wednesday, March 5:

Head track and field coach **Phil Lundin**

Thursday, March 6:

Head wrestling coach **J Robinson**

Friday, March 7:

Junior forward **Ryan Kraft**

Saturday, March 8:

Assistant hockey coach **Tom Ward's** postgame comments

Sunday, March 9-Monday, March 10:

Basketball coach **Clem Haskins'** Selection Sunday comments

DON'T FORGET MARCH MADNESS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA...

The University of Minnesota will host these major championships in the month of March!

March 8-9 Big Ten Wrestling

@ Williams Arena

March 13-15 WCHA Final Five

@ St. Paul Civic Center

March 22-23 Big Ten Gymnastics

@ Sports Pavilion

March 27-29 NCAA Swimming and Diving

@ U of M Aquatic Center

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This Week in Gopher Sports

Mon-Tues
Mar. 3-4

• Golf

at Bridges All-American Tourney
Hattiesburg, Miss., All day

Wed.
Mar. 5

• Baseball

vs. Iowa State Cyclones
H.H.H. Metrodome
KSGS-AM 950, 6:30 p.m.

Thurs.
Mar. 6

• Basketball

vs. Michigan State Spartans
Williams Arena
Midwest Sports Channel
WCCO-AM 830, 7 p.m.

• Swimming

Gop-Pher-It Invitational
Aquatic Center, 3 p.m./5 p.m.

Fri.
Mar. 7

• Track

at NCAA Indoor Championships
Indianapolis, Ind., All day

• Tennis

at Corpus Christi Team Tourney
Corpus Christi, Texas, TBA

• Baseball

vs. Northern Illinois Huskies
H.H.H. Metrodome
KSGS-AM 950, 6:30 p.m.

• Hockey

vs. Alaska-Anchorage Seawolves
Mariucci Arena
Midwest Sports Channel
KSTP-AM 1500, 7 p.m.

Sat.
Mar. 8

• Track

at NCAA Indoor Championships
Indianapolis, Ind., All day

• Tennis

at Corpus Christi Team Tourney
Corpus Christi, Texas, TBA

• Wrestling

Big Ten Championships
Williams Arena, 10 a.m./6 p.m.

• Basketball

at Wisconsin Badgers
UW Field House
WCCO-AM 830
Channel 4, 1 p.m.

• Baseball

vs. Northern Illinois Huskies
H.H.H. Metrodome
KSGS-AM 950, 6:30 p.m.

• Hockey

vs. Alaska-Anchorage Seawolves
Mariucci Arena
Midwest Sports Channel
KSTP-AM 1500, 7 p.m.

Sun.
Mar. 9

• Wrestling

Big Ten Championships
Williams Arena, 12 p.m.
vs. Northern Illinois Huskies
H.H.H. Metrodome

• Baseball

KSGS-AM 950, 1 p.m.
at Nebraska Cornhuskers
Lincoln, Neb., 2 p.m.

• Gymnastics

at Corpus Christi Team Tourney
Corpus Christi, Texas, TBA

• Tennis

vs. Alaska-Anchorage Seawolves
Mariucci Arena (if necessary)

• Hockey

Midwest Sports Channel
KSTP-AM 1500, 7 p.m.



WRESTLING

1996-97 WRESTLING SCHEDULE

DATE	MEET	PLACE	SCORE/TIME
All Unattached			
Nov. 16	Bison Open	Fargo, N.D.	All Day
Nov. 23	UNO Open	Omaha, Neb.	All Day
Nov. 29	Northern Open	Madison, Wis.	All Day
Official Team Schedule			
Nov. 22	North Dakota St.	Fargo, N.D.	W, 42-3
Dec. 6	Northwestern	Williams	W, 35-3
Dec. 15	Clarion Duals	Clarion, Pa.	1st Place
		- Ohio U	W, 39-4
		- Clarion	W, 34-9
		- Rider	W, 27-12
Dec. 17	S. Connecticut St.	New Haven, Conn.	W, 46-6
Jan. 4	Iowa State	Williams	L, 16-19
Jan. 7	Nebraska	Lincoln, Neb.	W, 29-12
Jan. 10	South Dakota St.	Williams	Cancelled
Jan. 18-19	National Duals	Lincoln, Neb.	3rd Place
		- Missouri Valley	W, 48-0
		- Penn State	W, 21-10
		- Iowa	L, 23-12
		- Michigan State	W, 28-9
		- Penn State	W, 19-15
Jan. 24	Iowa	Iowa City, Iowa	L, 29-12
Jan. 31	Oklahoma State	Stillwater, Okla.	L, 26-10
Feb. 2	Wisconsin	Williams	W, 28-9
Feb. 9	Penn State	Pavilion	W, 28-7
Feb. 15	Michigan State	East Lansing, Mich.	W, 23-12
Feb. 16	Michigan	Ann Arbor, Mich.	W, 28-10
Feb. 23	Ohio State	Pavilion	W, 23-16
Mar. 8-9	Big Tens	Home	All Day
Mar. 20-22	NCAA's	Cedar Falls, Iowa	All Day

Bold indicates home meets

WRESTLERS TO HOST BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS AT WILLIAMS ARENA:

The third-ranked Minnesota wrestling team will host the 1997 Big Ten Championships this weekend at Williams Arena. It is the first time Minnesota has played host to the Big Ten Championships since 1986. Last year, the Golden Gophers hosted the 1996 NCAA Wrestling Championships at the Target Center.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Weigh-ins	2-4 pm	Friday, March 7
Press Conference	2:30 pm	Friday, March 7
Seeding Mtg.	5:30 pm	Friday, March 7
Session 1	10 am-3 pm	Sat., March 8
Session 2	6-10 pm	Sat., March 8
Session 3	12-2:30 pm	Sunday, March 9

Final Session 3-5 pm Sunday, March 9

FOUR BIG TEN SCHOOLS IN TOP FIVE: Four Big Ten schools are ranked in the top 5 in the nation - Iowa (No. 2), Minnesota (No. 3), Illinois (No. 4) and Penn State (No. 5). Eight Big Ten schools are ranked in the top 25, including Michigan (No. 11), Michigan State (No. 16), Purdue (No. 22) and Ohio State (No. 25).

THE COACH: The Golden Gophers' J Robinson (Oklahoma State, 1969) is currently in his 11th year and has guided Minnesota to a 148-74-3 record and two runner-up Big Ten finishes. Robinson has coached 10 Big Ten champions and 23 NCAA All-Americans. He is 16-4 in 1996-97.

MINNESOTA PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP FOR BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Wgt., Name, Yr., Hometown, Overall
 118, Brandon Paulson, Jr., Coon Rapids, Minn., 16-2
 126, No. 11 Pat Connors, So., Longview, Wash., 13-6
 134, No. 11 Troy Marr, So., Wyoming, Minn., 22-7
 142, No. 3 Jason Davids, Jr., Forest Lake, Minn., 28-2
 150, No. 4 Chad Kraft, So., Lakefield, Minn., 24-3
 158, Josh Holiday, So., Anaheim, Calif., 23-8
 167, No. 6 Zac Taylor, Jr., Sandpoint, Idaho, 18-5
 177, Brandon Eggum, Fr., Sidney, Mont., 17-6
 190, No. 3 Tim Hartung, So., Durand, Wis., 25-1
 Hwt, Shelton Benjamin, Jr., Susanville, Calif., 17-11

LAST YEAR'S BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Minnesota placed a disappointing sixth in last year's Big Ten Championships held in East Lansing, Mich. It was the lowest finish for the Golden Gophers since 1991.

Individually, Minnesota had three wrestlers reach the finals, but all three lost. Jason Davids was decisioned by Iowa's Bill Zadick, 5-4, at 142 pounds. Gerald Carr was major decisioned by Iowa's Darryl Weber at 167 pounds, and Billy Pierce lost a tiebreaker to Purdue's Tony Vaughn at heavyweight.

Other top performers included Chad Kraft (6th at 150 pounds) and Tim Hartung (6th at 177 pounds).

MINNESOTA WRESTLERS STAY AT NO. 3 IN COUNTRY; SIX GOLDEN GOPHERS NATIONALLY RANKED:

The University of Minnesota wrestling team remained the third-ranked team in the country for the fourth straight week, behind Oklahoma State and Iowa. The Golden Gophers are 16-4 overall and 6-1 in Big Ten duals.

Six Golden Gopher wrestlers are currently ranked in the top 12 in their respective weight classes. Leading the way are **JASON DAVIDS** and **TIM HARTUNG**, both ranked No. 3.

Davids, a junior from Forest Lake, has a 28-2 record at 142 pounds. Hartung, a sophomore from Durand, Wis., boasts a 25-1 record at 190 pounds. Hartung suffered his first setback of the year Feb. 15, losing to No. 4 Brian Picklo of Michigan State.

CHAD KRAFT, a sophomore from Lakefield, Minn., held on

to his No. 4 ranking at 150 pounds, while **ZAC TAYLOR**, a sophomore from Sandpoint, Idaho, slipped one spot to No. 6 in the country at 167 pounds. Kraft's overall record is 21-3 while Taylor weighs in at 18-5.

Sophomore **TROY MARR**, from Wyoming, Minn., maintained his hold on the No. 11 spot at 134 pounds and carries a record of 22-7, tied for third on the squad in wins.

Debuting in the national rankings was **PAT CONNORS**, a sophomore from Longview, Wash. Connors has won his last four matches at 126 pounds to improve his season record to 13-6, and is ranked No. 11.

In addition to the six ranked wrestlers, Minnesota also expects to regain the services of 118-pound junior **BRANDON PAULSON** of Coon Rapids. Paulson was ranked sixth at 118 pounds before being sidelined with an ankle injury in January. He is expected to compete at the Big Ten Championships.

NWCA/AWN Collegiate Wrestling Poll (February 26, 1997)
1. Oklahoma State, 275; 2. Iowa, 264; 3. Minnesota, 253; 4. Illinois, 239; 5. Penn State, 233; 6. Edinboro, 221; 7. Rider, 205; 8. Nebraska, 196; 9. Iowa State, 185; 10. Arizona State, 181; 11. Michigan, 152; 16. Michigan State, 105; 22. Purdue, 42; 25. Ohio State, 17.

QUOTING COACH ROBINSON:

"It will be hard to unseat Iowa. But who knows? If our kids are ready to wrestle, we've got a chance. We need to get a few breaks, though.

"We have had a real good week of training and now we'll try to take care of the little stuff. The guys will be ready. I think they are excited to have it here.

"Brandon is good, but he is the \$64,000 question. How is he going to do? Only time will tell."



GOLF

UP NEXT: Minnesota travels to Hattiesburg, Miss., for the Bridges All-American Tournament on March 3-4.

LAST WEEK: The University of Minnesota men's golf team shot a second-day 298 but finished 10th overall at the Puerto Rico Classic in Rio Grande, Puerto Rico.

Florida won the tournament for the third consecutive year with a three-day total of 861, which was three-under par. Texas finished second at 866 (+2), Clemson was third at 870 (+6), followed by East Tennessee State in fourth and Virginia in fifth.

Jonathan Byrd of Clemson took home medalist honors with a four-under par 212. **MARTIN LE MESURIER** (South Hampton, England) finished tied for 10th to top all Golden Gopher finishers. LeMesurier finished at two over par for a three-day total of 219. Other Minnesota finishers included **ROB KERR** (Tied 29th - Pointe Claire, Quebec, Canada), **ANDY KOMOR** (Tied 37th - New Brighton, Minn.), **MARK HALVERSON** (Tied 45th - Fargo, N.D.) and **BOB BRINK** (57th - Bemidji, Minn.).

Minnesota Individual Scores: 10T. Martin LeMesurier, Minn., 74-69-75-218. 29T. Rob Kerr, 79-75-70-224; 37T. Andy Komor, 77-74-76-227; 45T. Mark Halverson, 77-75-77-229; 57. Bob Brink, 79-75-80-234.

EARLIER THIS YEAR: The Golden Gophers finished in the top five in three of four tournaments they competed in during the fall season. The team finished with a team stroke average of 295.2. All-America candidate **ROB KERR** (Jr., Pointe Claire, Quebec, Canada) led the Golden Gophers through the fall season with a 73.7 stroke average followed by Big Ten Freshman of the Year candidate **MARTIN LE MESURIER** (South Hampton, England) who had a 73.9 stroke average.

Minnesota won its own Reliastar Collegiate Invitational in September, coming from one stroke down on the final day of competition to win by eight strokes. Kerr birdied the 18th hole to tie for medalist honors.

ON THE HORIZON: The Golden Gophers take a trip to Texas where they will play in the Border Olympics in Laredo, Texas, on March 11-12, and in the Dr. Pepper Invitational in Dallas on March 29-30.



TRACK AND FIELD

1997 TRACK & FIELD SCHEDULE

Indoor Track & Field			
DATE	MEET	PLACE	RESULT/TIME
Jan. 4	Early Bird Open	UM Fieldhouse	No team scores
Jan. 11	Northwest Open	UM Fieldhouse	No team scores
Jan. 18	Badger Track Classic	Madison, Wis.	No team scores
Jan. 25	Minnesota Invite	UM Fieldhouse	No team scores
	Manitoba, Drake, Marquette, Iowa		
Jan 31	Mercantile Bank Invite	Cedar Falls, Iowa	5th/37.25 pts.
Feb. 7-8	Iowa State Invitational	Ames, Iowa	No team scores
Feb. 14	Snowshoe Open	UM Fieldhouse	No team scores
Feb. 22-23	Big Ten Indoor Champ.	Iowa City, Iowa	3rd/83.33 pts.
Feb. 28	NCAA Qualifying Meet	Ames, Iowa	No team scores
Mar. 7-8	NCAA Indoor Champ.	Indianapolis, Ind.	TBA
Outdoor Track & Field			
Mar. 28-29	Florida Relays	Gainesville, Fla.	TBA
Apr. 4-5	Texas Relays	Austin, Texas	TBA
Apr. 5	Cyclone Open	Ames, Iowa	TBA
Apr. 11-12	Sea Ray Relays	Knoxville, Tenn.	TBA
Apr. 19	Hawkeye Invitational	Iowa City, Iowa	TBA
Apr. 25-26	Drake Relays	Des Moines, Iowa	TBA
May 3	TBA	Bierman Field	TBA
May 4	Jesse Owens	Columbus, Ohio	TBA
May 10	Minnesota Invitational	Bierman Field	9 a.m.
May 17	Minnesota Last Chance	Bierman Field	TBA
May 23-24	Big Ten Outdoor Champ.	Champaign, Ill.	TBA
June 4-7	NCAA Outdoor Champ.	Bloomington, Ind.	TBA

TWO GOPHERS TO COMPETE AT NCAA

INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS: Minnesota freshman **STAFFAN STRAND** (Upplands-Vasby, Sweden) and senior **TYE HARVEY** (Jamestown, Calif.) will compete in the NCAA Indoor Championships in Indianapolis this weekend.

Strand will compete in the high jump on Friday. He qualified for the meet with a jump of 7-4 1/2 (2.25m) during the Big Ten Championships in Iowa City, Iowa on Feb. 22-23. The leap is a Minnesota and Big Ten record.

Harvey will compete in the pole vault on Saturday. He qualified for the meet with a mark of 18-1 1/4 (5.52m) during the conference championships. The vault is a Minnesota record.

INJURY WILL FORCE JENSEN TO MISS

NCAA TOURNAMENT: Sophomore **BEN JENSEN** (Mandal, Norway), who had qualified for the NCAA Indoor Championships in the pole vault, had his knee scoped last week and will not compete in the event.

SHOT PUTTER, POLE VAULTERS MISS

QUALIFYING FOR NCAAS: Minnesota shot putter **CHAD YENCHESKY** (Jr., DePere, Wis.) and pole vaulters **SETH MISCHKE** (Sr., Worland, Wyo.) and **JON ANDERSON** (Jr., Morris, Minn.) failed in their attempts to qualify for

the NCAA Indoor Championships at the NCAA Qualifying Meet in Ames, Iowa on Feb. 28.

Yenchesky had a throw of 57-0 3/4 (17.39m) in the shot put. He needed a toss of 18.65m to automatically qualify.

Mischke had a personal-best leap of 16-10 3/4 (5.15m) in the pole vault, while Anderson had a jump of 16-04 3/4 (5.00m). The automatic qualifying standard for the event is 5.50m.

ON THE HORIZON: Minnesota begins its outdoor track and field season at the Florida Relays in Gainesville, Fla. on March 28-29.

1997 AUTOMATIC INDOOR QUALIFIERS:

Athlete	Event	Score	Meet
Staffan Strand	High Jump	7-4 1/2 (2.25)	2/22-23
Tye Harvey	Pole Vault	18-1 3/4 (5.52)	2/22-23

1997 PROVISIONAL INDOOR QUALIFIERS:

Athlete	Event	Score	Meet
Ben Jensen	Pole Vault	17-2 1/4 (5.20)	1/18
Tye Harvey	Pole Vault	17-4 1/2 (5.30)	1/25
Wil Kurth	High Jump	7-1 (2.16)	1/25
Tye Harvey	Pole Vault	17-9 (5.41)	1/31
Chad Yenchesky	Shot Put	57-2 (17.42)	1/31
Tye Harvey	Pole Vault	17-9 1/4 (5.42)	2/8
Ben Jensen	Pole Vault	17-6 1/2 (5.35)	2/8
Chad Yenchesky	Shot Put	58-7 1/4 (17.86)	2/8
Jon Anderson	Pole Vault	17-1 1/2 (5.22)	2/14
Tye Harvey	Pole Vault	17-1 1/2 (5.22)	2/14
Jeff Marsh	Shot Put	57-3 (17.45)	2/22-23



GYMNASTICS

1997 GYMNASTICS SCHEDULE

DATE	MEET	PLACE	SCORE/TIME
Jan. 11	Alumni Meet	Sports Pavilion	L / 217.925
Jan. 18	Windy City Invite	Chicago, Ill.	7th/211.900
Jan. 31	Iowa	Iowa City, Iowa	L/223.875
Feb. 8	Michigan and Michigan State	Sports Pavilion	1st/222.100
Feb. 15	Winter Cup	Battle Creek, Mich.	No team scores
Feb. 22	New Mexico and Santa Barbara	Albuquerque, N.M.	2nd/222.40
Mar. 1	Ohio State	Sports Pavilion	L/228.5-228.725
Mar. 9	Nebraska	Lincoln, Neb.	2:00 p.m.
Mar. 22-23	Big Ten Champ.	Sports Pavilion	1:00 p.m.
Mar. 29	Illinois-Chicago	Chicago, Ill.	2:00 p.m.
Apr. 5	NCAA Regionals	West Point, N.Y.	TBA
Apr. 17-19	NCAA Champ.	Iowa City, Iowa	TBA

Bold indicates home meets

NEBRASKA CORNHUSKERS UP NEXT: The No. 13 Golden Gophers travel to Lincoln, Neb., to face the No. 5 Nebraska Cornhuskers Sunday in a dual meet. The meet is set to begin at 2 p.m.

LAST WEEK: The University of Minnesota Golden Gopher gymnastics team was narrowly edged by the No. 1 Ohio State Buckeyes in a dual meet Saturday at the Sports Pavilion. The Golden Gophers took the lead after five events but missed winning the meet by .225 team points. The defending national champion Buckeyes won by the score of 228.725 to 228.500.

Senior co-captain **HEATH WALL** (Sterling Heights, Mich.) won the all-around for the first time this season with 57.50 total points, and senior co-captain **FRANK TICKNOR** (Milwaukee, Wis.) came in third.

Ticknor and Wall also shared the only event title of the day for the Golden Gophers, tying for the win on the still rings with a team season-best score of 9.750.

GOLDEN GOPHERS RANKED 13TH: The University of Minnesota men's gymnastics team is ranked 13th in the NCAA National Rankings released this week. The Golden Gophers are also ranked seventh in the Eastern Region and sixth in the Big Ten. All seven teams in the Big Ten are ranked in the nation's top 20 and the Eastern Region's top 10.

NCAA Team National Rankings – Feb. 24 (by high score):
1. Ohio State; 2. Cal Berkeley; 3. Iowa; 4. Penn State; 5. Nebraska; 6. Oklahoma; 7. New Mexico; 8. Michigan State; 9.

Stanford; 10. Illinois; 11. UMass; 12. Brigham Young; **13. Minnesota**; 14. Syracuse; 15. Illinois-Chicago; 16. Michigan; 17. Navy; 18. Temple; 19. Air Force; 20. Army

NCAA Eastern Region Team Rankings – Feb. 24 (high score):
1. Ohio State; 2. Iowa; 3. Penn State; 4. Michigan State; 5. Illinois; 6. UMass; **7. Minnesota**; 8. Syracuse; 9. Illinois-Chicago; 10. Michigan

KROB IS UM'S TOP RANKED GYMNAST: With his career-high score of 9.825 on the pommel horse, sophomore **JASON KROB** (St. Charles, Mo.) is ranked seventh in the nation and fifth in the Eastern Region. Junior **GEORGE BEATTY** (Aberdeen, N.J.) entered the rankings on the horse this week, tying for 12th in the nation and ninth in the region. On the still rings, Wall is tied for 13th in the nation and eighth in the region.

Ticknor is the 13th-ranked all-arounder in the nation and the seventh-ranked all-arounder in the Eastern Region.

MINNESOTA SEASON BESTS:

Team Score	228.500	vs. Ohio State 3/1/97
Floor Exercise	37.700	vs. Ohio State 3/1/97
Pommel Horse	38.550	vs. Ohio State 3/1/97
Still Rings	38.500	vs. Ohio State 3/1/97
Vault	37.800	vs. Ohio State 3/1/97
Parallel Bars	38.200	at NM/UCSB 2/22
Horizontal Bar	37.950	vs. Mich/MSU 2/8
Floor Exercise	9.600	Frank Ticknor (at NM/UCSB)
Pommel Horse	9.825	Jason Krob (at Iowa)
Still Rings	9.750	Heath Wall (at NM/UCSB, vs. OSU) Frank Ticknor (vs. Ohio State)
Vault	9.600	Frank Ticknor (vs. Ohio State)
Parallel Bars	9.750	George Beatty (vs. Ohio State)
Horizontal Bar	9.650	Heath Wall (vs. Ohio State) Dan Boots (vs. Ohio State)
All-Around	57.500	Heath Wall (vs. Ohio State)

OHIO STATE 228.725, MINNESOTA 228.500

Floor Exercise: 1. Mike Morgan (OSU) 9.70; 2. Drew Durbin (OSU) 9.65; 3. F. Ticknor (MN) and Mike Canales (OSU) 9.50

Pommel Horse: 1. Drew Durbin (OSU) 9.75; 2. George Beatty (MN) and Frank Ticknor (MN) 9.70

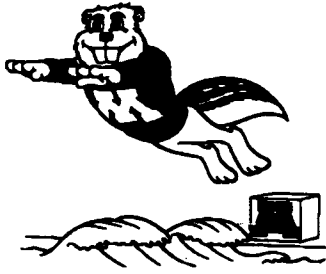
Still Rings: 1. Frank Ticknor (MN) 9.75 and Heath Wall (MN) 9.75; 3. Peter Landry (OSU) 9.70

Vault: 1. Doug Stibel (OSU) 9.75; 2. Frank Ticknor (MN) 9.60; 3. Neil Neimi (OSU) 9.575

Parallel Bars: 1. Drew Durbin (OSU) 9.85; 2. George Beatty (MN) 9.75; 3. Heath Wall (MN) 9.70

Horizontal Bar: 1. Doug Stibel (OSU) 9.80; 2. Dan Boots (MN) 9.65; 3. Mike Canales (OSU) 9.45

All-Around: 1. Heath Wall (MN) 57.500; 2. Doug Stibel (OSU) 57.300; 3. Frank Ticknor (MN) 56.650



SWIMMING AND DIVING

1996-97 SWIMMING & DIVING SCHEDULE

DATE	MEET	RESULT/TIME
Oct. 19	Alumni Meet (Aquatic Center)	Non-Scored
Oct. 26	Intra-squad (Aquatic Center)	G-153.5, M-139.5
Nov. 1	Tar Heel Invitational (Chapel Hill, N.C.)	Non-Scored
Nov. 2	North Carolina (Chapel Hill, N.C.)	W 153-145
Nov. 16	Nebraska (Aquatic Center)	W 175-125
Nov. 22	Minnesota Invite (Aquatic Center)	1st/1,409
Dec. 20	Miami (Miami, Fla.)	W 66-47
Jan. 10	Kansas (Aquatic Center)	W 163-80
Jan. 11	Gold Country Invite (Aquatic Center)	1st/1,221
Jan. 18	Northwestern (Evanston, Ill.)	W 181.5-116.5
Jan. 25	Iowa (Aquatic Center)	W 210-89
Jan. 31	Quad Duals - Purdue & Wisconsin (AC)	2-0
Feb. 14	Minnesota Challenge (Aquatic Center)	NTS
Feb. 27-	Big Ten Championships	11 a.m.
Mar. 1	(Bloomington, Ind)	
Mar. 6	Go-Pher-It Invitational (Aquatic Center)	3 p.m.
Mar. 14	NCAA Diving - Zone Qualifying (AC)	TBA
Mar. 27	NCAA Championships (Aquatic Center)	Noon

UP NEXT: The ninth-ranked Minnesota men's swimming and diving team will compete in the Go-Pher-It Invitational this Thursday at 3 pm at the University Aquatic Center. It will be a last-chance meet for several swimmers to meet NCAA qualifying marks.

COACH DENNIS DALE: In his 12th season at the helm of the Golden Gopher program, Dennis Dale (Minnesota '67) has been the driving force behind Minnesota's resurgence on the national collegiate swimming and diving scene. Minnesota finished 12th at the 1996 NCAA Championships after placing ninth (1995), seventh (1994), 11th (1993) and sixth (1992). In addition, the Golden Gophers have placed among the top three in the Big Ten race each of the past nine seasons and captured the 1996 title.

Dale has coached 31 All-Big Ten performers the past four seasons, including nine this past weekend - **TY BATHURST, JOHN CAHOY, MITCH HENKE, ERIEK HULSEMAN** (Edina, Minn.), **LUIS LOPEZ, JONATHON MCLEOD, JEREMY RIENTS, MATT SCHLESSMAN, MARTIN ZIELINSKI.**

MICHIGAN EDGES MINNESOTA AT BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS: After leading each of the first two days of competition, the Minnesota men's swimming and diving team fell behind seventh-ranked Michigan during the final day and placed second at the Big Ten Championships in Bloomington, Ind.

The Wolverines won four events on the final day to surge pass No. 9 Minnesota, 648-631, in the closest Big Ten Championship since 1986. Michigan has won 10 of the last 11 Big Ten titles, with Minnesota finishing second in seven of those years. 1996 was the only year Michigan did not win the title in the last 11, when Minnesota placed first.

For the meet, Minnesota swimmers won three relays - 200 free, 200 medley and 400 free - and one individual event - 100 fly. The Golden Gophers set a pair of Big Ten records, one in the 100 fly by sophomore **MARTIN ZIELINSKI** (Bloomington, Minn.) and another in the 200 medley relay.

Zielinski set a personal-best with a time of 47.09 to win the 100-yard butterfly, bettering the meet record by 0.41 seconds. His time automatically qualified him for the NCAA Championships, to be held at the University Aquatic Center, March 27-29. He also provisionally qualified for the 100-yard backstroke by swimming a 48.77, to place fourth.

Zielinski clocked another personal-best, this one in the 200 fly, but placed second in a time of 1:47.43, meeting the NCAA provisional mark.

Two other Gopher swimmers automatically qualified for the NAAs. Senior **MITCH HENKE** (Mandan, N.D.) clocked a 54.96 in the 100 breast to place third, and sophomore **JONATHON MCLEOD** (Regina, Sask., Canada) finished in 3:49.35 to place third in the 400 IM.

Minnesota swimmers also set a Big Ten record in the 200 medley relay. The Golden Gophers clocked in a time of 1:28.07, eclipsing the old mark, also held by Minnesota, by 0.05 seconds. The time automatically qualifies the Golden Gophers for the NCAA Championships.

Minnesota defended its title in the 400 free relay by finishing in 2:56.81 and meeting the NCAA provisional qualifying mark.

A number of Minnesota athletes met the NCAA provisional qualifying mark over the weekend, including four swimmers - **TY BATHURST** (Albuquerque, N.M.), **MATT SCHLESSMAN** (Avon, Ohio), **JEREMY RIENTS** (Apple Valley, Minn.) and **LUIS LOPEZ** (Aurora, Colo.) - in the 50 free. Bathurst clocked a personal best 20.12 to place second, while Schlessman grabbed third with a time of 20.27.

The Gophers also placed four in the top eight of the 100 free, including runner-up Rients, who clocked a personal best 44.09 to finish second. Other placers included Schlessman in third, **JOHN CAHOY** (Hudson, Wis.) in fifth and Lopez in eighth. All four met the NCAA provisional mark, as did Bathurst who swam a 44.93 in the preliminaries.

Three Minnesota swimmers provisionally qualified in the 200 fly, including Zielinski who placed second, and **YOAV MIERI** (Jerusalem, Israel) and McLeod, who placed fourth and sixth, respectively.

Individually, freshman **BILL BISHOP** (Barrington, Ill.) turned

in a strong meet, provisionally qualifying in three events - 500 free, 1650 free and 400 IM. Bishop's top placing was third in the 1650 free with a time of 15:20.96.

Senior team captain Schlessman, who placed third in both the 50 and 100 free, swam on four relays which provisionally qualified for the NCAAs, including the 200 and 400 free relays which won Big Ten titles.

Bathurst, who finished second in the 50 free, swam on the 200 free and 200 medley relay teams which won Big Ten titles.

BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS:

Team Standings (final): 1. Michigan, 648; 2. Minnesota, 631; 3. Indiana, 431; 4. Purdue, 384; 5. Ohio State, 356; 6. Northwestern, 293; 7. Penn State, 290; 8. Iowa, 262; 9. Wisconsin, 228; 10. Michigan State, 110

200 Free Relay: 1. Minnesota (Ty Bathurst, Jeremy Rients, Matt Schlessman, Luis Lopez), 1:19.90; 2. Purdue, 1:20.71; 3. Penn State, 1:20.98

500 Free: 1. John Piersma, Michigan, 4:17.65; 2. Tom Malchow, Michigan, 4:19.46; 3. Andy Potts, Michigan, 4:20.78; 4. Manolis Lentaris, Minnesota, 4:24.34; 5. Bill Bishop, Minnesota, 4:24.78; 31. Jeff Miller, Minnesota, 4:36.54

200 IM: 1. Matt Brown, Purdue, 1:46.48; 2. Jonathon McLeod, Minnesota, 1:47.93; 3. Chris Rumley, Michigan, 1:48.55; 8. Yoav Meiri, Minnesota, 1:50.15; 19. Jeff Rodriguez, Minnesota, 1:52.38; 31. Mitch Henke, Minnesota, 1:53.98

50 Free: 1. Frank Smardo, Purdue, 20.08; 2. Ty Bathurst, Minnesota, 20.12; 3. Matt Schlessman, Minnesota, 20.27; 6. Luis Lopez, Minnesota, 20.52; 8. Jeremy Rients, Minnesota, 20.54; 26. Ryan Crosby, Minnesota, 21.09; 42. Oscar Godoi, Minnesota, 21.62

400 Medley Relay: 1. Purdue, 3:14.42; 2. Minnesota (Erik Hulseman, Mitch Henke, Martin Zielinski, Matt Schlessman), 3:14.51; 3. Michigan, 3:15.75

1-Meter Springboard Diving

1. Mike Collier, Indiana, 543.60; 2. B. Bortolussi, Ohio State, 538.65; 3. Jesus Gil, Iowa, 533.40; 9. Isaac Bjorklund, Minnesota, 468.25; 14. Matt Ninneman, Minnesota, 418.70

200 Medley Relay: 1. Minnesota (Erik Hulseman, Mitch Henke, Martin Zielinski, Ty Bathurst), 1:28.07; 2. Penn State, 1:29.31; 3. Purdue, 1:29.35

400 IM: 1. Matt Brown, Purdue, 3:48.18; 2. Andy Potts, Michigan, 3:49.23; 3. Jonathon McLeod, Minnesota, 3:49.35; 7. Bill Bishop, Minnesota, 3:53.81; 8. Yoav Mieri, Minnesota, 3:53.91; 17. Jeff Miller, Minnesota, 4:00.06; 18. Jeff Rodriguez, Minnesota, 4:00.15; 24. Brian Howard, Minnesota, 4:03.97
100 Fly: 1. Martin Zielinski, Minnesota, 47.09; 2. Derya Buyukuncu, Michigan, 47.20; Neil Peiffer, Wisconsin, 48.65; 4. John Cahoy, Minnesota, 48.87; 7. Matt Schlessman, Minnesota, 49.13; 25. Erik Hulseman, Minnesota, 50.43

200 Free: 1. John Piersma, Michigan, 1:34.99; 2. Chris Rumley, Michigan, 1:36.56; 3. John Reich, Michigan, 1:37.31; 6. Manolis Lentaris, Minnesota, 1:38.28; 8. Jeremy Rients, Minnesota, 1:38.56; 25. Luis Lopez, Minnesota, 1:40.81

100 Breast: 1. Vilmos Kovacs, Purdue, 54.47; 2. Rob Rausch, Northwestern, 54.79; 3. Mitch Henke, Minnesota, 54.96; 9. Oscar Godoi, Minnesota, 56.28; 12. Ty Bathurst, Minnesota, 56.42

100 Back: 1. Derya Buyukuncu, Michigan, 47.75; 2. Greg Ruminski, Indiana, 48.40; 3. Brian Palme, Penn State, 48.72; 4. Martin Zielinski, Minnesota, 48.77; 11. Erik Hulseman, Minnesota, 49.66; 17. Ryan Crosby, Minnesota, 51.21

3-Meter Springboard: 1. Tom Davidson, Indiana, 558.15; 2. Mike Collier, Indiana, 550.10; 3. Brett Bortolussi, Ohio State, 534.50; 14.

Isaac Bjorklund, Minnesota

800 Free Relay: 1. Michigan, 6:25.89; 2. Minnesota (Manolis Lentaris, John Cahoy, Matt Schlessman, Jonathan McLeod), 6:31.61; 3. Ohio State, 6:35.75

1650 Free: 1. Andy Potts, Michigan, 15:11.81; 2. Mike McWha, Michigan, 15:16.58; 3. Bill Bishop, Minnesota, 15:20.96; 6. Manolis Lentaris, Minnesota, 15:34.30; 17. Jeff Miller, Minnesota, 15:51.00; 23. Brian Howard, Minnesota, 16:30.15

200 Back: 1. Derya Buyukuncu, Michigan, 1:42.80; 2. Greg Ruminski, Indiana, 1:44.15; 3. Toby Booker, Michigan, 1:45.24; 16. Ryan Crosby, Minnesota, 1:49.54; 18. Erik Hulseman, Minnesota, 1:50.60

100 Free: 1. John Piersma, Michigan, 43.94; 2. Jeremy Rients, Minnesota, 44.09; 3. Matt Schlessman, Minnesota, 44.52; 5. John Cahoy, Minnesota, 44.92; 8. Luis Lopez, Minnesota, 45.18; 14. Ty Bathurst, Minnesota, 45.43

200 Breast: 1. Vilmos Kovacs, Purdue, 1:56.94; 2. Rob Rausch, Northwestern, 1:59.73; 3. Marco Minonne, Iowa, 2:00.11; 4. Mitch Henke, Minnesota, 2:00.71; 15. Jeff Rodriguez, Minnesota, 2:04.05; 17. Brian Howard, Minnesota, 2:04.61; 21. Oscar Godoi, Minnesota, 2:05.28

200 Fly: 1. Tom Malchow, Michigan, 1:45.06; 2. Martin Zielinski, Minnesota, 1:47.43; 3. Cameron Mull, Ohio State, 1:47.59; 4. Yoav Mieri, Minnesota, 1:48.06; 6. Jonathon McLeod, Minnesota, 1:48.88; 18. John Cahoy, Minnesota, 1:51.44

Platform Diving: 1. Brett Bortolussi, Ohio State, 694.10; 2. Michael McIntyre, Ohio State, 665.40; 3. Brett Wilmot, Michigan, 654.30; 5. Isaac Bjorklund, Minnesota, 569.15

400 Free Relay

1. Minnesota (Jeremy Rients, Matt Schlessman, John Cahoy, Luis Lopez), 2:56.81; 2. Northwestern, 2:57.63; 3. Purdue, 2:58.58; 4. Indiana, 2:58.96; 5. Ohio State, 2:59.43; 6. Penn State, 3:00.03

MINNESOTA'S NCAA AUTOMATIC QUALIFIERS

Martin Zielinski, 100 fly, 47.09; Mitch Henke, 100 breast, 54.96; Jonathon McLeod, 400 IM, 3:49.35; 200 medley relay (Erik Hulseman, Mitch Henke, Martin Zielinski, Ty Bathurst), 1:28.07

MINNESOTA'S NCAA PROVISIONAL QUALIFIERS:

Ty Bathurst, 50 free, 20.12; Matt Schlessman, 50 free, 20.27; Jeremy Rients, 50 free, 20.37; Luis Lopez, 50 free, 20.47; Matt Schlessman, 100 free, 43.94; Jeremy Rients, 100 free, 44.09; John Cahoy, 100 free, 44.77; Luis Lopez, 100 free, 44.79; Ty Bathurst, 100 free, 44.93; Manolis Lentaris, 200 free, 1:36.84; Jeremy Rients, 200 free, 1:38.05; Manolis Lentaris, 500 free, 4:24.34; Bill Bishop, 500 free, 4:24.78; Bill Bishop, 1650 free, 15:20.96; Manolis Lentaris, 1650 free, 15:34.30; Martin Zielinski, 100 back, 48.68; Oscar Godoi, 100 breast, 56.28; Ty Bathurst, 100 breast, 56.42; Mitch Henke, 200 breast, 2:00.71; John Cahoy, 100 fly, 48.87; Martin Zielinski, 200 fly, 1:47.22; Yoav Mieri, 200 fly, 1:47.97; Jonathon McLeod, 200 fly, 1:48.07; Jonathon McLeod, 200 IM, 1:47.93; Yoav Mieri, 200 IM, 1:49.34; Yoav Mieri, 400 IM, 3:53.06; Bill Bishop, 400 IM, 3:53.81; 200 free relay (Ty Bathurst, Jeremy Rients, Matt Schlessman, Luis Lopez), 1:19.90; 400 free relay (Jeremy Rients, Matt Schlessman, John Cahoy, Luis Lopez), 2:56.81; 800 free relay (Manolis Lentaris, John Cahoy, Matt Schlessman, Jonathon McLeod), 6:31.61; 400 medley relay (Erik Hulseman, Mitch Henke, Martin Zielinski, Matt Schlessman), 3:14.51

MINNESOTA'S ALL-BIG TEN SWIMMERS:

Ty Bathurst (200 free relay, 200 medley relay)
John Cahoy (400 free relay)
Mitch Henke (200 medley relay)
Erik Hulseman (200 medley relay)
Luis Lopez (200 free relay, 400 free relay)
Jonathon McLeod (at-large)
Jeremy Rients (200 free relay, 400 free relay)
Matt Schlessman (200 free relay, 400 free relay)
Martin Zielinski (100 fly, 200 medley relay)



TENNIS

NETTERS TRAVEL TO CORPUS CHRISTI

THIS WEEKEND: Minnesota continues on its early-season road journeys as the team will be guests at the Corpus Christi Team Tourney March 7-9 in Corpus Christi, Texas.

GOLDEN GOPHERS DROP MATCH AT

TULANE: Minnesota was defeated by the Tulane Green Wave in a match Sunday afternoon in New Orleans, La.

The only singles win was at number three slot where sophomore **ADAM SELKIRK** (St. Joseph, Mo.) defeated Ben Wenger in straight sets (6-4, 6-3) to raise his record on the young season to 9-8 in singles play. The Golden Gophers also captured the doubles point for the third straight match to no avail, as the teams of Martin Kristoffersen/Ben Gabler and Martin Michaelowski/Robin Rutili both won their respective doubles matches.

ON THE HORIZON: The Golden Gophers' next Big Ten action takes place on Fri., March 14 as Iowa comes to Rochester, Minn., for a designated home match at the Rochester Athletic Club beginning at 6 p.m.

RESULTS FROM TULANE DUAL:

Singles

Yannick Violette (TUL) def. Ben Gabler (MN) 7-5, 6-4
R. Samuelsson (TUL) def. Tom Chicoine (MN) 5-7, 7-6, 6-3
Adam Selkirk (MN) def. Ben Wenger (MN) 6-4, 6-3
Dennis Lundberg (TUL) def. John Cheregi (MN) 6-2, 6-1
Johan Nilsson (TUL) def. Martin Kristoffersen (MN) 7-6, 6-0
M. Sevdewitz (TUL) def. Martin Michaelowski (MN) 6-4, 7-6

Doubles

Kristoffersen/Gabler (MN) def. Samuelsson/Rizicka (TUL) 8-6
Lundberg/Nilsson (TUL) def. Chicoine/Cheregi (MN) 8-2
Michaelowski/Rutili (MN) def. Kelly/James Wall (TUL) 8-2



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Monday, March 10-Tuesday, March 11:

Basketball coach Clem Haskins and senior guard Bobby Jackson

Wednesday, March 12-Thursday, March 13:

Junior forward Sam Jacobson

Friday, March 14:

Junior guard Eric Harris

Saturday, March 15:

Head hockey coach Doug Woog

Sunday, March 16:

Junior forward Wyatt Smith

This Week in Gopher Sports

Mon-Tues.
Mar. 10-11

• Golf

at Ashworth Invitational
San Diego, Calif., All day

Friday,
Mar 14

• Basketball

vs. Southwest Texas State Bobcats
NCAA Midwest Regional
Kemper Arena, Kansas City, Mo.
CBS-TV, Channel 4
WCCO-AM (830)

• Hockey

25 minutes after Game 3
vs. St. Cloud State Huskies
WCHA Final Five
St. Paul Civic Center
Midwest Sports Channel
KSTP-AM 1500, 7 p.m.

• Tennis

vs. Iowa Hawkeyes
Rochester Athletic Club, 6 p.m.

Saturday,
March 8

• Hockey

• Third Place Game
WCHA Final Five
St. Paul Civic Center
Midwest Sports Channel
KSTP-AM 1500, 2:05 p.m.
• Championship Game
WCHA Final Five
St. Paul Civic Center
Midwest Sports Channel
KSTP-AM 1500, 7:05 p.m.

Sunday,
March 9

• Basketball

To Be Determined
NCAA Midwest Regional
Kemper Arena, Kansas City, Mo.
CBS-TV, Channel 4
WCCO-AM (830), TBA

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WRESTLING

1996-97 WRESTLING SCHEDULE

DATE	MEET	PLACE	SCORE/TIME
All Unattached			
Nov. 16	Bison Open	Fargo, N.D.	All Day
Nov. 23	UNO Open	Omaha, Neb.	All Day
Nov. 29	Northern Open	Madison, Wis.	All Day
Official Team Schedule			
Nov. 22	North Dakota St.	Fargo, N.D.	W, 42-3
Dec. 6	Northwestern	Williams	W, 35-3
Dec. 15	Clarion Duals	Clarion, Pa.	1st Place
		- Ohio U	W, 39-4
		- Clarion	W, 34-9
		- Rider	W, 27-12
Dec. 17	S. Connecticut St.	New Haven, Conn.	W, 46-6
Jan. 4	Iowa State	Williams	L, 16-19
Jan. 7	Nebraska	Lincoln, Neb.	W, 29-12
Jan. 10	South Dakota St.	Williams	Cancelled
Jan. 18-19	National Duals	Lincoln, Neb.	3rd Place
		- Missouri Valley	W, 48-0
		- Penn State	W, 21-10
		- Iowa	L, 23-12
		- Michigan State	W, 28-9
		- Penn State	W, 19-15
Jan. 24	Iowa	Iowa City, Iowa	L, 29-12
Jan. 31	Oklahoma State	Stillwater, Okla.	L, 26-10
Feb. 2	Wisconsin	Williams	W, 28-9
Feb. 9	Penn State	Pavilion	W, 28-7
Feb. 15	Michigan State	East Lansing, Mich.	W, 23-12
Feb. 16	Michigan	Ann Arbor, Mich.	W, 28-10
Feb. 23	Ohio State	Pavilion	W, 23-16
Mar. 8-9	Big Tens	Home	2nd
Mar. 20-22	NCAAs	Cedar Falls, Iowa	All Day

Bold indicates home meets

WRESTLERS ADVANCE WHOLE TEAM TO NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS: For the first time in school history, Minnesota will have all 10 wrestlers competing at the NCAA Championships. The Golden Gophers qualified everyone by having no one finish lower than sixth at the Big Ten Championships.

The NCAA Championships will be held at the UNI Dome in Cedar Falls, Iowa, March 20-22.

Session I	First Round	11 a.m.
Thursday, March 20		
Session II	Preliminaries	7 p.m.
Thursday, March 20		
Session III	Quarterfinals	11 a.m.
Friday, March 21		
Session IV	Semifinals	7 p.m.
Friday, March 21		

Session V	Wrestle-back/Medal Round	11 a.m.
Saturday, March 22		
Session VI	Finals	7 p.m.
Saturday, March 22		

THE COACH: The Golden Gophers' J Robinson (Oklahoma State, 1969) is currently in his 11th year and has guided Minnesota to a 148-74-3 record and two runner-up Big Ten finishes. Robinson has coached 11 Big Ten champions and 23 NCAA All-Americans. He is 16-4 in 1996-97.

HARTUNG WINS BIG TEN TITLE; MINNESOTA PLACES SECOND: Sophomore **TIM HARTUNG** (Durand, Wis.) became the first Golden Gopher to win a Big Ten wrestling title since 1994 by decisioning Michigan State's Brian Picklo, 3-1 in overtime, at 190 pounds. Picklo had defeated Hartung earlier this year, 2-1 in overtime, for Hartung's only defeat.

Both wrestlers had earned a point on escapes when Hartung shot a low-leg single and finished with a takedown 50 seconds into the overtime. Hartung, ranked No. 3 in the nation, placed sixth at last year's Big Tens at 177 pounds and advanced to the NCAA Championships where he went 2-2 before being eliminated.

Junior **JASON DAVIDS** (Forest Lake, Minn.) placed second for the second straight year, losing to Roger Chandler of Indiana, 13-6, at 142 pounds. Davids finished fifth in last year's NCAA Championships and is currently ranked No. 3 nationally.

Three Minnesota wrestlers suffered semifinal losses but came back to place third, including **PAT CONNORS** (Longview, Wash.) at 126 pounds, **CHAD KRAFT** (Lakefield, Minn.) at 150 pounds and **JOSH HOLIDAY** (Anaheim, Calif.) at 158 pounds.

Connors, ranked No. 11 in the country, scored a major decision over Illinois' Carl Perry, 18-8, to place third. Connors did not place in last year's Big Tens.

Kraft, ranked No. 4 in the country, pinned Illinois' Eric Siebert 38 seconds into overtime to place third. Kraft entered the Big Tens as the No. 4 seed while Siebert was the No. 2 seed.

Holiday, a sophomore, upended Wisconsin's Kole Clauson, 5-2, to place third. Holiday did not place in last year's Big Tens.

Other Golden Gopher placemen included **ZAC TAYLOR** (Sandpoint, Idaho) and **BRANDON EGGUM** (Sidney, Mo.) who placed fourth at 167 and 177 pounds, respectively. **TROY MARR** (Wyoming, Minn.) finished fifth at 134 pounds, while **SHELTON BENJAMIN** (Susanville, Calif.) placed sixth.

Junior **BRANDON PAULSON** (Coon Rapids, Minn.), wrestling for the first time in nearly two months, placed sixth at 118 pounds. Paulson had been sidelined following corrective ankle surgery.

As a team, Minnesota placed second, improving on its sixth-place finish a year ago. The Golden Gophers amassed 116.50 points, second to Iowa's 140.50. It was the 24th consecutive Big Ten wrestling title for the Hawkeyes. Illinois was third with 105.50 points.

Final Team Scores

1. Iowa, 140.50; 2. Minnesota, 116.50; 3. Illinois, 105.50; 4. Penn State, 89.50; 5. Michigan, 59.50; 6. Ohio State, 56.00; 7. Wisconsin, 55.00; 8. Michigan State, 48.50; 9. Indiana, 43.00; 10. Purdue, 39.50; 11. Northwestern, 39.00

118 Championship: David Morgan, MSU dec. Lindsey Durlacher, ILL, 9-7 OT; Third Place: Jeremy Hunter, PSU dec. Jessie Whitmer, IOWA, 9-8; Fifth Place: Tim Dernlan, PU dec. Brandon Paulson, MINN, 7-2

126 Championship: Eric Jetton, WIS dec. Mike Mena, IOWA, 2-0; Third Place: Pat Connors, MINN maj. dec. Carl Perry, ILL, 18-8; Fifth Place: Jason Hayes, PU dec. Micah Hey, NU, 3-2

134 Championship: Mark Ironside, IOWA maj. dec. Jeff Bucher, OSU, 18-5; Third Place: Biff Walizer, PSU dec. Tony Siebert, ILL, 5-2; Fifth Place: Troy Marr, MINN dec. Trevor Elliot, IND, 7-5

142 Championship: Roger Chandler, IND dec. Jason Davids, MINN vs. 13-6; Third Place: Clint Musser, PSU dec. Kassey Gilliss, IOWA, 4-2; Fifth Place: Jon Vaughn, ILL maj. dec. Frank Laccone, PU, 9-0

150 Championship: Lincoln McIlravy, IOWA maj. dec. Bill Lacure, MICH, 19-7; Third Place: Chad Kraft, MINN fall, Eric Siebert, ILL, 7:38; Fifth Place: Mickey Griffin, PU dec. Drew Pariano, NU, 5-2

158 Championship: Ernest Benion, ILL dec. Joe Williams, IOWA, 2-1 DBL OT; Third Place: Josh Holiday, MINN dec. Kole Clauson, WIS, 5-2; Fifth Place: Eric Douglas, PU dec. Kurt Hudson, NU, 3-2

167 Championship: Kevin Wilmot, WIS dec. Jeff Catrabone, MICH, 4-3; Third Place: Mike Uker, IOWA maj. dec. Zac Taylor, MINN, 14-6; Fifth Place: Davion Peterson, PU inj. def. Glenn Pritzlaff, PSU

177 Championship: Mitch Clark, OSU dec. Jevon Herman, ILL, 5-3; Third Place: Erich Harvey, MSU dec. Brandon Eggum, MINN, 6-0; Fifth Place: Joel Goeden, NU dec. Tony Ersland, IOWA, 5-2

190 Championship: Tim Hartung, MINN dec. Brian Picklo, MSU, 3-1 OT; Third Place: Lee Fullhart, IOWA maj. dec. Rob Neidlinger, PSU, 6-2; Fifth Place: Sam Neider, NU dec. Anthony Gary, OSU, 6-4

HWT Championship: Kerry McCoy, PSU dec. Airron Richarson, MICH, 5-1; Third Place: Seth Brady, ILL inj. def. Nick Nutter, OSU; Fifth Place: Ben Nachtrieb, IND dec. Shelton Benjamin, MINN, 8-3

ROBINSON NAMED BIG TEN COACH OF THE YEAR: Golden Gopher Head Coach J Robinson was named Big Ten Wrestling Coach of the Year following this weekend's championships. It was the third time Robinson has been honored, receiving the award in 1989 and 1994.

MINNESOTA PROJECTED STARTING LINE-UP FOR NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Wgt., Name, Yr., Hometown, Overall, Big Ten Place
118, Brandon Paulson, Jr., Coon Rapids, Minn., 17-5, 6th
126, No. 11 Pat Connors, So., Longview, Wash., 17-7, 3rd
134, No. 11 Troy Marr, So., Wyoming, Minn., 25-9, 5th
142, No. 3 Jason Davids, Jr., Forest Lake, Minn., 30-3, 2nd
150, No. 4 Chad Kraft, So., Lakefield, Minn., 26-4, 3rd
158, Josh Holiday, So., Anaheim, Calif., 26-9, 3rd
167, No. 6 Zac Taylor, Jr., Sandpoint, Idaho, 20-7, 4th
177, Brandon Eggum, Fr., Sidney, Mont., 19-8, 4th
190, No. 3 Tim Hartung, So., Durand, Wis., 29-1, 1st
Hwt, Shelton Benjamin, Jr., Susanville, Calif., 19-14, 6th

GOLDEN GOPHERS AT LAST YEAR'S NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS: Minnesota placed a disappointing 19th in last year's NCAA Championships held in Minneapolis.

Individually, Minnesota had three wrestlers place in the top eight and become All-Americans. Jason Davids (142) and Chad Kraft (150) both finished fifth, while heavyweight Billy Pierce placed sixth.

MINNESOTA WRESTLERS STAY AT NO. 3 IN COUNTRY; SIX GOLDEN GOPHERS NATIONALLY RANKED: The University of Minnesota wrestling team remained the third-ranked team in the country for the fourth straight week, behind Oklahoma State and Iowa. The Golden Gophers are 16-4 overall and 6-1 in Big Ten duals.

Six Golden Gopher wrestlers are currently ranked in the top 12 in their respective weight classes. Leading the way are Jason Davids and Tim Hartung, both of whom are ranked No. 3. Chad Kraft held on to his No. 4 ranking at 150 pounds, while Zac Taylor slipped one spot to No. 6 in the country at 167 pounds. Kraft's overall mark is 21-3, and Taylor is 18-5.

Sophomore Troy Marr maintained his hold on the No. 11 spot at 134 pounds and carries a record of 22-7, tied for third on the squad in wins.

Debuting in the national rankings was Pat Connors, who has won his last four matches at 126 pounds to improve his season record to 13-6, and is ranked No. 11.

QUOTING COACH ROBINSON:

On the Tournament:

"I felt we wrestled well. We were aggressive and dominating in most matches, but a couple of upsets in the quarterfinals took us out of the team picture. We're close to where we want to be and the guys came together as a team. We made a good statement, and we believe that we can win."

On the team's personality:

"Our guys aren't very emotional, because more emotions equal more pressure. Our guys are at their best when they're relaxed, and their whole social life is this close-knit family."

On the depth of the Big Ten Conference:

"The conference is better than it was 10 years ago. The teams are more intense and they are working harder."

On being named Coach of the Year:

"It's kind of funny, because Dan always wins the tournaments and whoever is second always wins Coach of the Year."



TRACK AND FIELD

1997 TRACK & FIELD SCHEDULE

DATE	MEET	PLACE	RESULT/TIME
Indoor Track & Field			
Jan. 4	Early Bird Open	UM Fieldhouse	No team scores
Jan. 11	Northwest Open	UM Fieldhouse	No team scores
Jan. 18	Badger Track Classic	Madison, Wis.	No team scores
Jan. 25	Minnesota Invite	UM Fieldhouse	No team scores
Manitoba, Drake, Marquette, Iowa			
Jan 31	Mercantile Bank Invite	Cedar Falls, Iowa	5th/37.25 pts.
Feb. 7-8	Iowa State Invitational	Ames, Iowa	No team scores
Feb. 14	Snowshoe Open	UM Fieldhouse	No team scores
Feb. 22-23	Big Ten Indoor Champ.	Iowa City, Iowa	3rd/83.33 pts.
Feb. 28	NCAA Qualifying Meet	Ames, Iowa	No team scores
Mar. 7-8	NCAA Indoor Champ.	Indianapolis, Ind.	T10th/16 pts.
Outdoor Track & Field			
Mar. 28-29	Florida Relays	Gainesville, Fla.	TBA
Apr. 4-5	Texas Relays	Austin, Texas	TBA
Apr. 5	Cyclone Open	Ames, Iowa	TBA
Apr. 11-12	Sea Ray Relays	Knoxville, Tenn.	TBA
Apr. 19	Hawkeye Invitational	Iowa City, Iowa	TBA
Apr. 25-26	Drake Relays	Des Moines, Iowa	TBA
May 3	TBA	Bierman Field	TBA
May 4	Jesse Owens	Columbus, Ohio	TBA
May 10	Minnesota Invitational	Bierman Field	9 a.m.
May 17	Minnesota Last Chance	Bierman Field	TBA
May 23-24	Big Ten Outdoor Champ.	Champaign, Ill.	TBA
June 4-7	NCAA Outdoor Champ.	Bloomington, Ind.	TBA

UP NEXT: Minnesota begins its outdoor track and field season at the Florida Relays in Gainesville, Fla. on March 28-29. The NCAA Indoor Championships last week signaled the end of the 1997 indoor season for the Golden Gophers.

TWO GOPHERS PLACE SECOND AT NCAA INDOORS: Minnesota high jumper **STAFFAN STRAND** (Fr., Upplands-Vasby, Sweden) and pole vaulter **TYE HARVEY** (Sr., Jamestown, Calif.) each earned second-place finishes in their event at the NCAA Indoor Championships in Indianapolis last weekend.

Strand placed second with a jump of 7-5 (2.26m). The leap broke his own indoor school record. North Carolina's Eric Bishop won the event with a jump of 7-6 (2.29m).

Harvey finished second with a vault of 18-2 1/2 (5.55m). He also broke his own school record with the jump. Long Beach State's Jason Hinkin won the event with a vault of 18-6 1/2 (5.65m).

MINNESOTA FINISHES TENTH IN FINAL TEAM STANDINGS AT NCAA INDOORS:

Strand's and Harvey's performances gave the Gophers 16 points and tied them for tenth place with Tennessee and Louisiana State in the final team standings at the NCAA Indoor Championships in Indianapolis last weekend. Arkansas won the team title with 59 points.



GOLF

GOLFERS IN SAN DIEGO: Minnesota is continuing its sharp play by shooting a team score of 593 in the University of San Diego/Ashworth Invitational, good enough for fifth place going into the last day of competition.

The Golden Gophers' best score was posted by **ANDY KOMOR** (So., New Brighton, Minn.) who shot a 75 and a 72, which placed him in a tie for 11th place headed into the final day of competition. One stroke behind Komor are **JEFF BARNEY** (So., Appleton, Minn) and **MATT LEWIS** (So., Dubuque, Iowa), who both posted two day scores of 148 which has them tied for 18th place. The tournament concludes Tuesday.

UP NEXT: The Golden Gophers will return to the links after final exams on March 28 when they will travel to Dallas, Texas for the Dr. Pepper Invitational.

LAST WEEK: The University of Minnesota men's golf team was in Hattiesburg, Miss., for the Bridges All-American Tournament. The team finished in fourth place out of 20 teams when they posted a three-round score of 875. The tournament was won by Oklahoma State University.

Paul Dickinson of Alabama-Birmingham took home the medalist honors with a 12-under par 204. **MARTIN LE MESSURIER** (Fr., South Hampton, England) was leader for the Gophers. He shot a par 72 on the first day of competition and combined that with two scores of 70 in the final two rounds, good enough to tie for fifth place. Minnesota's **ROB KERR** (Pointe Claire, Quebec, Canada) was close behind, posting a three-round total of 216, which placed him in a tie for 10th place in the tournament.

Other Minnesota finishers included Barney (Tied 25th), **MARK HALVERSON** (Tied 49th - Fargo, N.D.), and Komor (Tied 59th).

Minnesota Individual Scores: T5. Martin LeMesurier, Minn., 72-70-70-216. T10. Rob Kerr, Minn., 71-71-74-216. T25. Jeff Barney, Minn., 77-72-72-221. T49. Mark Halverson, Minn., 76-78-75-229. T59. Andy Komor, Minn., 77-75-79-231.



GYMNASTICS

1997 GYMNASTICS SCHEDULE

DATE	MEET	PLACE	SCORE/TIME
Jan. 11	Alumni Meet	Sports Pavilion	L / 217.925
Jan. 18	Windy City Invite	Chicago, Ill.	7th/211.900
Jan. 31	Iowa	Iowa City, Iowa	L/223.875
Feb. 8	Michigan and Michigan State	Sports Pavilion	1st/222.100
Feb. 15	Winter Cup	Battle Creek, Mich.	No team scores
Feb. 22	New Mexico and Santa Barbara	Albuquerque, N.M.	2nd/222.40
Mar. 1	Ohio State	Sports Pavilion	L/228.5-228.725
Mar. 9	Nebraska	Lincoln, Neb.	L/225.15-230.175
Mar. 22-23	Big Ten Champ.	Sports Pavilion	1:00 p.m.
Mar. 29	Illinois-Chicago	Chicago, Ill.	2:00 p.m.
Apr. 5	NCAA Regionals	West Point, N.Y.	TBA
Apr. 17-19	NCAA Champ.	Iowa City, Iowa	TBA

Bold indicates home meets

BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS UP NEXT: The No. 10 Golden Gophers take a week off before hosting the Big Ten Championships March 22-23 in the Sports Pavilion.

LAST WEEK: The University of Minnesota Golden Gopher gymnastics team lost a dual meet with the No. 4 Nebraska Cornhuskers 230.175-225.15.

Senior co-captain **FRANK TICKNOR** (Milwaukee, Wis.) shared the only event title of the day for the Golden Gophers, tying for the win on the still rings with a 9.675. He also finished third in the all-around.

GEORGE BEATTY (Jr., Aberdeen, N.J.) and senior co-captain **HEATH WALL** (Sterling Heights, Mich.) were the only other Minnesota placewinners. Beatty finished tied for third on the pommel horse, and Wall took third in the floor exercise.

GOLDEN GOPHERS RANKED 10TH: The University of Minnesota men's gymnastics team is ranked 10th by regional qualifying score in the NCAA National Rankings released this week. The Golden Gophers are also ranked sixth in the Eastern Region. Seven teams in the Big Ten are ranked in the nation's top 20 and six in the region's top 10.

NCAA Team National Rankings – Feb. 24 (by high score):
 1. Ohio State; 2. Cal Berkeley; 3. Iowa; 4. Nebraska; 5. Oklahoma; 6. Penn State; 7t. Stanford, UMass; 9. Illinois; 10. **Minnesota**; 11. Brigham Young; 12. Michigan State; 13. New Mexico; 14. Illinois-Chicago; 15. Navy; 16. Temple; 17. Syracuse; 18. Army; 19. Michigan; 20. Air Force

NCAA Eastern Region Team Rankings – Feb. 24 (high score):
 1. Ohio State; 2. Iowa; 3. Penn State; 4. Michigan State; 5. Illinois; 6. UMass; 7. **Minnesota**; 8. Syracuse; 9. Illinois-Chicago; 10. Michigan

WALL IS UM'S TOP RANKED GYMNAST: On the still rings, Heath Wall is tied for 11th in the nation and seventh in the Eastern Region in the rankings by NCAA three-score average. Frank Ticknor is ranked 10th in the region on the rings as well. Beatty is tied for 18th in the nation and 10th in the region on the pommel horse.

Ticknor is the 13th-ranked all-arounder in the nation and the seventh-ranked all-arounder in the Eastern Region.

MINNESOTA SEASON BESTS:

Team Score	228.500	vs. Ohio State 3/1/97
Floor Exercise	37.700	vs. Ohio State 3/1/97
Pommel Horse	38.550	vs. Ohio State 3/1/97
Still Rings	38.500	vs. Ohio State 3/1/97
Vault	37.800	vs. Ohio State 3/1/97
Parallel Bars	38.200	at NM/UCSB 2/22
Horizontal Bar	37.950	vs. Mich/MSU 2/8

Floor Exercise	9.600	Frank Ticknor (at NM/UCSB)
Pommel Horse	9.825	Jason Krob (at Iowa)
Still Rings	9.750	Heath Wall (at NM/UCSB, vs. OSU) Frank Ticknor (vs. Ohio State)
Vault	9.600	Frank Ticknor (vs. Ohio State)
Parallel Bars	9.750	George Beatty (vs. Ohio State)
Horizontal Bar	9.650	Heath Wall (vs. Ohio State) Dan Boots (vs. Ohio State)
All-Around	57.500	Heath Wall (vs. Ohio State)

NEBRASKA 230.175, MINNESOTA 225.15

Floor Exercise: 1. Marshall Nelson (NEB) 9.65; 2. Bill Mulholland (NEB) 9.60; 3. Heath Wall (MN) 9.55

Pommel Horse: 1. J.D. Reive (NEB) 9.70; 2. Derek Leiter (NEB) 9.675; 3t. George Beatty (MN) and Ryan McEwen (NEB) 9.65

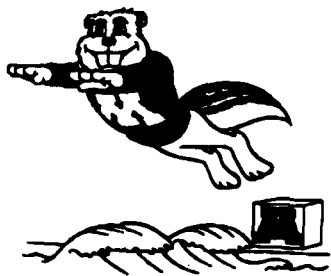
Still Rings: 1t. Frank Ticknor (MN) and Ted Harris (NEB) 9.675; 3. Derek Lieter (NEB) 9.5

Vault: 1. J.D. Reive (NEB) 9.7; 2. Frank Ticknor (MN) 9.575; 3. Bill Mulholland (NEB) and Marshall Nelson (NEB) 9.5

Parallel Bars: 1. Marshall Nelson (NEB) 9.8; 2. J.D. Reive (NEB) 9.7; 3. Derek Leiter (NEB) 9.6

Horizontal Bar: 1. Marshall Nelson (NEB) 9.85; 2. Ryan McEwen (NEB) 9.775; 3. Bill Mulholland (NEB) 9.675

All-Around: 1. Bill Mulholland (NEB) 57.325; 2. Derek Leiter (NEB) 56.325; 3. Frank Ticknor (MN) 56.75



SWIMMING AND DIVING

1996-97 SWIMMING & DIVING SCHEDULE

DATE	MEET	RESULT/TIME
Oct. 19	Alumni Meet (Aquatic Center)	Non-Scored
Oct. 26	Intra-squad (Aquatic Center)	G-153.5, M-139.5
Nov. 1	Tar Heel Invitational (Chapel Hill, N.C.)	Non-Scored
Nov. 2	North Carolina (Chapel Hill, N.C.)	W 153-145
Nov. 16	Nebraska (Aquatic Center)	W 175-125
Nov. 22	Minnesota Invite (Aquatic Center)	1st/1,409
Dec. 20	Miami (Miami, Fla.)	W 66-47
Jan. 10	Kansas (Aquatic Center)	W 163-80
Jan. 11	Gold Country Invite (Aquatic Center)	1st/1,221
Jan. 18	Northwestern (Evanston, Ill.)	W 181.5-116.5
Jan. 25	Iowa (Aquatic Center)	W 210-89
Jan. 31	Quad Duals - Purdue & Wisconsin (AC)	2-0
Feb. 14	Minnesota Challenge (Aquatic Center)	NTS
Feb. 27-	Big Ten Championships	2nd/
Mar. 1	(Bloomington, Ind)	
Mar. 6	Go-Pher-It Invitational (Aquatic Center)	3 p.m.
Mar. 14	NCAA Diving - Zone Qualifying (AC)	TBA
Mar. 27	NCAA Championships (Aquatic Center)	Noon

UP NEXT: The ninth-ranked Minnesota men's swimming and diving team will compete in the NCAA Zone C Diving Qualifications this weekend at the University Aquatic Center. Competition begins Friday, March 14 at 11:00 am with 1-meter springboard, and concludes Saturday, March 15 at 10:00 am with 3-meter springboard and platform.

Senior **ISAAC BJORKLUND** (New Brighton, Minn.) placed ninth in the Big Tens in 1-meter and 14th in 3-meter competition. He qualified for the NCAAs in both events as a sophomore.

COACH DENNIS DALE: In his 12th season at the helm of the Golden Gopher program, Dennis Dale (Minnesota '67) has been the driving force behind Minnesota's resurgence on the national collegiate swimming and diving scene. Minnesota finished 12th at the 1996 NCAA Championships after placing ninth (1995), seventh (1994), 11th (1993) and sixth (1992). In addition, the Golden Gophers have placed among the top three in the Big Ten race each of the past nine seasons and captured the 1996 title.

Dale has coached 31 All-Big Ten performers the past four seasons, including nine this year - **TY BATHURST, JOHN CAHOY, MITCH HENKE, ERIEK HULSEMAN, LUIS LOPEZ, JONATHON MCLEOD, JEREMY RIENTS, MATT SCHLESSMAN, MARTIN ZIELINSKI.**

COACH KONGZHENG LI: Four-time Olympian Kongzheng Li in his first year coaching the Minnesota divers. Li earned a bronze medal in platform diving for his native China in the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles.

Li comes to Minnesota following a stint as CEO of Team Orlando Diving, Inc. where he was named the 1996 Senior National Diving Coach of the Year. He has served as head coach at Texas and George Washington.

MIERI SETS PERSONAL BEST AT GO-PHER-IT INVITATIONAL: Freshman **YOAV MIERI** set a personal best to win the 200 fly at the Go-Pher-It Invitational, a last-chance qualifier for the NCAA Men's Swimming and Diving Championships.

Mieri, who placed fourth at the Big Ten Championships in the event, improved his time in the 200 fly by more than a half-second, clocking a 1:47.36, to move within one second of the NCAA automatic mark.

The 200 free relay team also won, edging Iowa State by 0.03 seconds. Minnesota clocked a 1:20.79 to win the race after swimming a 1:19.90 to win the Big Ten title.

Go-Pher-It Invitational

at University Aquatic Center, Minneapolis, Minn.
200 medley relay: 1. Iowa State, 1:29.97

50 free: 1. Dusty Greenwood, Iowa State, 21.31; 2. Bryan Carlson, Minnesota, 21.57

100 free: 1. Adrian Costello, Nebraska, 57.47; 2. Oscar Godoi, Minnesota, 58.46; 3. B.J. Brooks, Iowa State, 1:01.28

100 back: 1. Brian Laherty, Iowa State, 53.20

200 free: 1. Trent Hartl, Kansas, 1:38.86; 2. Val Kalmikous, Nebraska, 1:42.03; 3. Mike Brown, Iowa State, 1:44.38

200 fly: 1. Yoav Meiri, Minnesota, 1:47.36; 2. Lovrenco Franecevic, Iowa State, 1:47.77

200 free relay: 1. Minnesota (Ty Bathurst, Jeremy Rients, Mat Schlessman, Luis Lopez), 1:20.79; 2. Iowa State, 1:20.82

100 free: 1. Dusty Greenwood, Iowa State, 47.00; 2. Terrie Miller, Nebraska, 1:55.90

200 breast: 1. Val Kalmikous, Nebraska, 2:01.11; 2. Mark Ritchey, Iowa State, 2:03.04; 3. Jeffrey Rodriguez, Minnesota, 2:03.42; 4. Jonathon McLeod, Minnesota, 2:09.71; 5. Mitch Henke, Minnesota, 2:13.13

LATEST POLL: The University of Minnesota men's swimming and diving team is ranked ninth in the latest Speedo America's Top 25 swimming poll. The Golden Gophers received 237 points while number one Stanford, received 335. Michigan, the highest ranked Big Ten team, is seventh and Indiana (22), Ohio State (23) and Purdue (24 Tied) were the only other Big Ten schools ranked.

The complete poll follows:

1. Stanford, 335; 2. Auburn, 331; 3. Tennessee, 319; 4. California, 294; 5. So. Cal., 291; 6. Texas, 288; 7. Michigan, 282; 8. Georgia, 258; 9. Minnesota, 237; 10. Arizona St., 203; 11. Arizona, 189; 12. Florida State, 188; 13. Florida, 165; 14. LSU, 157; 15. North Carolina, 145; 16. Nebraska, 134; 17. Harvard, 125; 18. SMU, 105; 19. N.C. State, 91; 20. Texas A&M, 74; 21. Miami, 59; 22. Indiana, 58; 23. Ohio State, 50; 24T. Purdue, 32; 24T. Alabama, 32



TENNIS

NETTERS HOST HAWKEYES: Minnesota will host the Iowa Hawkeyes in its first Big Ten action of the spring season Friday at 6 p.m. at the Rochester Athletic Club in Rochester, Minn.

GOLDEN GOPHERS FINISH FOURTH IN CORPUS CHRISTI TOURNEY: Minnesota finished fourth out of 16 teams in the Corpus Christi Team Tournament last weekend in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Minnesota defeated Arkansas-Little Rock (4-0) and Texas Tech (6-1) and lost to Middle Tennessee State (4-0) and Tulane (4-3) en route to its fourth-place finish.

ON THE HORIZON: The Golden Gophers' next action comes on a trip through the Ivy League March 23-26. Minnesota will play at Yale, Columbia and Princeton. The team's next Big Ten action will occur on March 29 when the Golden Gophers travel to State College, Penn., to take on the Nittany Lions of Penn State.



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The Golden Gopher Hotline features daily interviews with players and coaches. It is available to the media 24 hours a day by calling (612) 625-7887. The hotline is broadcast quality and is changed by noon each day. This service is for media use only. The schedule for this week is as follows:

Monday, March 17-Tuesday, March 18:
Head basketball coach **Clem Haskins**

Wednesday, March 19:
Head hockey coach **Doug Woog**

Thursday, March 20:
Head wrestling coach **J Robinson**

Friday, March 21:
Head gymnastics coach **Fred Roethlisberger**

Saturday, March 22:
Junior defenseman **Mike Crowley**

Sunday, March 23:
Head tennis coach **David Geatz**

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March 22-23 Big Ten Gymnastics
@ Sports Pavilion

March 27-29 NCAA Swimming and Diving
@ U of M Aquatic Center

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This Week in Gopher Sports

Thursday,
March 20

- **Wrestling** at NCAA Championships Cedar Falls, Iowa, All day
- **Basketball** vs. Clemson Tigers
NCAA Midwest Regional
Alamo Dome, San Antonio, Texas
CBS-TV, Channel 4
WCCO-AM (830), 6:55 p.m.

Friday,
March 21

- **Wrestling** at NCAA Championships Cedar Falls, Iowa, All day

Saturday,
March 22

- **Gymnastics** Big Ten Gymnastics Championships Team and All-Around Competition University of Minnesota Sports Pavilion, 1 p.m.
- **Wrestling** at NCAA Championships Cedar Falls, Iowa, All day
- **Basketball** Thursday's Semifinals Winners NCAA Midwest Regional Final Alamo Dome, San Antonio, Texas CBS-TV, Channel 4 WCCO-AM (830), 2:40 p.m.
- **Hockey** vs. Michigan State Spartans NCAA West Regionals Grand Rapids, Mich. Midwest Sports Channel KSTP-1500 AM, 5:30 p.m.

Sunday,
March 23

- **Tennis** vs. Yale Bulldogs New Haven, Conn., 9:30 a.m.
- **Gymnastics** Big Ten Gymnastics Championships Individual Events Competition University of Minnesota Sports Pavilion, 1 p.m.
- **Baseball** vs. Chicago State Cougars H.H.H. Metrodome KSGS-950 AM, 7:30 p.m.
- **Hockey** Minn./MSU Winner vs. Michigan NCAA West Regionals Grand Rapids, Mich. Midwest Sports Channel KSTP-1500 AM, 4:30 p.m.



WRESTLING

1996-97 WRESTLING SCHEDULE

DATE	MEET	PLACE	SCORE/TIME
All Unattached			
Nov. 16	Bison Open	Fargo, N.D.	All Day
Nov. 23	UNO Open	Omaha, Neb.	All Day
Nov. 29	Northern Open	Madison, Wis.	All Day
Official Team Schedule			
Nov. 22	North Dakota St.	Fargo, N.D.	W, 42-3
Dec. 6	Northwestern	Williams	W, 35-3
Dec. 15	Clarion Duals	Clarion, Pa.	1st Place
		- Ohio U	W, 39-4
		- Clarion	W, 34-9
		- Rider	W, 27-12
Dec. 17	S. Connecticut St.	New Haven, Conn.	W, 46-6
Jan. 4	Iowa State	Williams	L, 16-19
Jan. 7	Nebraska	Lincoln, Neb.	W, 29-12
Jan. 10	South Dakota St.	Williams	Cancelled
Jan. 18-19	National Duals	Lincoln, Neb.	3rd Place
		- Missouri Valley	W, 48-0
		- Penn State	W, 21-10
		- Iowa	L, 23-12
		- Michigan State	W, 28-9
		- Penn State	W, 19-15
Jan. 24	Iowa	Iowa City, Iowa	L, 29-12
Jan. 31	Oklahoma State	Stillwater, Okla.	L, 26-10
Feb. 2	Wisconsin	Williams	W, 28-9
Feb. 9	Penn State	Pavilion	W, 28-7
Feb. 15	Michigan State	East Lansing, Mich.	W, 23-12
Feb. 16	Michigan	Ann Arbor, Mich.	W, 28-10
Feb. 23	Ohio State	Pavilion	W, 23-16
Mar. 8-9	Big Tens	Home	2nd
Mar. 20-22	NCAAs	Cedar Falls, Iowa	All Day

Bold indicates home meets

WRESTLERS ADVANCE WHOLE TEAM TO NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS:

For the first time in school history, Minnesota will have all 10 wrestlers competing at the NCAA Championships. The Golden Gophers qualified everyone by having no one finish lower than sixth at the Big Ten Championships. The NCAA Championships will be held at the UNI Dome in Cedar Falls, Iowa, March 20-22.

Thursday, March 20			
	Session I	First Round	11 a.m.
	Session II	Preliminaries	7 p.m.
Friday, March 21			
	Session III	Quarterfinals	11 a.m.
	Session IV	Semifinals	7 p.m.
Saturday, March 22			
	Session V	Wrestle-back/Medal Rnd	11 a.m.
	Session VI	Finals	7 p.m.

THE COACH: The Golden Gophers' J Robinson (Oklahoma State, 1969) is currently in his 11th year and has guided Minnesota to a 148-74-3 record and two runner-up Big Ten finishes. Robinson has coached 11 Big Ten champions and 23 NCAA All-Americans. He is 16-4 in 1996-97.

HARTUNG WINS BIG TEN TITLE: Sophomore **TIM HARTUNG** (Durand, Wis.) became the first Golden Gopher to win a Big Ten wrestling title since 1994 by defeating Michigan State's Brian Picklo, 3-1 in overtime, at 190 pounds. Picklo had defeated Hartung earlier this year, 2-1 in overtime, for Hartung's only defeat.

Both wrestlers had earned a point on escapes when Hartung shot a low-leg single and finished with a takedown 50 seconds into the overtime. Hartung, ranked No. 3 in the nation, placed sixth at last year's Big Tens at 177 pounds and advanced to the NCAA Championships where he went 2-2 before being eliminated.

Junior **JASON DAVIDS** (Forest Lake, Minn.) placed second for the second straight year, losing to Roger Chandler of Indiana, 13-6, at 142 pounds. Davids finished fifth in last year's NCAA Championships and is currently ranked No. 3 nationally.

Three Minnesota wrestlers suffered semifinal losses but came back to place third, including **PAT CONNORS** (Longview, Wash.) at 126 pounds. **CHAD KRAFT** (Lakefield, Minn.) at 150 pounds and **JOSH HOLIDAY** (Anaheim, Calif.) at 158.

Connors, ranked No. 11 in the country, scored a major decision over Illinois' Carl Perry, 18-8, to place third. Connors did not place in last year's Big Tens.

Kraft, ranked No. 4 in the country, pinned Illinois' Eric Siebert 38 seconds into overtime to place third. Kraft entered the Big Tens as the No. 4 seed while Siebert was the No. 2 seed.

Holiday, a sophomore, upended Wisconsin's Kole Clauson, 5-2, to place third. Holiday did not place in last year's Big Tens.

Other Golden Gopher placemen included **ZAC TAYLOR** (Sandpoint, Idaho) and **BRANDON EGGUM** (Sidney, Mont.), who placed fourth at 167 and 177 pounds, respectively. **TROY MARR** (Wyoming, Minn.) finished fifth at 134 pounds, while **SHELTON BENJAMIN** (Susanville, Calif.) placed sixth.

Junior **BRANDON PAULSON** (Coon Rapids, Minn.), wrestling for the first time in nearly two months, placed sixth at 118 pounds. Paulson had been sidelined following corrective ankle surgery.

As a team, Minnesota placed second, improving on its sixth-place finish a year ago. The Golden Gophers amassed 116.50 points, second to Iowa's 140.50. It was the 24th consecutive Big Ten wrestling title for the Hawkeyes. Illinois was third with 105.50 points.

Final Team Scores

- Iowa, 140.50;
- Minnesota, 116.50;
- Illinois, 105.50;
- Penn State, 89.50;
- Michigan, 59.50;
- Ohio State, 56.00;
- Wisconsin, 55.00;
- Michigan State, 48.50;
- Indiana, 43.00;
- Purdue, 39.50;
- Northwestern, 39.00

three-meter springboard at the Zone C Diving competition at the University Aquatic Center.

Bjorklund scored 495.05 in the three-meter springboard competition to finish fourth. He also qualified for the NCAAs as a sophomore.

ZONE C DIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

at University Aquatic Center

Men's One-Meter

1. Mike Collier, Indiana, 539.40; 2. Peter Gil, Iowa, 495.80; 3. Chris Good, Ohio State, 494.10; 12. Isaac Bjorklund, Minnesota, 432.00; 20. Matt Ninneman, Minnesota, 403.20

Men's Three-Meter

1. Mike McIntyre, Ohio State, 559.00; 2. Mike Collier, Indiana, 528.35; 3. Peter Gil, Iowa, 514.30; 4. Isaac Bjorklund, Minnesota, 495.05; 22. Matt Ninneman, Minnesota, 410.60

Men's Platform

1. Brett Wilmott, Michigan, 512.60; 2. Mike McIntyre, Ohio State, 502.00; 3. Brett Bortolussi, Ohio State, 498.95; 4. Isaac Bjorklund, Minnesota 411.80

Men's Qualifiers

Mike Collier, Indiana; Mike McIntyre, Ohio State; Brett Wilmott, Michigan; Pete Gil, Iowa; Chris Good, Ohio State; Isaac Bjorklund, Minnesota; Chad Hepner, Michigan State; Brett Bortolussi, Ohio State

NCAA POLL: Minnesota remained ninth in the latest NCAA Men's Swimming and Diving poll which came out March 10.

1. Stanford, 239; 2. Auburn, 238; 3. Tennessee, 227; 4. Texas, 217; 5. So. California, 206; 6. California, 204; 7. Michigan, 199; 8. Georgia, 182; 9. Minnesota, 169; 10. Arizona State, 147; 11T. Arizona, 129; 11T. Florida State, 129; 13. North Carolina, 123; 14. Nebraska, 110; 15. LSU, 109; 16. Florida, 94; 17. Harvard, 91; 18. SMU, 65; 19. Miami (Fla.), 59; 20. Texas A&M, 58; 21. Indiana, 52; 22. N.C. State, 50; 23. Ohio State, 33; 24. Purdue, 32; 25. Alabama, 27.



TENNIS

NETTERS TO TAKE TRIP THROUGH IVY

LEAGUE: The Golden Gophers' next action comes Sunday morning at Yale. The match with the Bulldogs marks the beginning of a four-day trip through the Ivy League. Minnesota will play next at Columbia and Princeton March 25 and 26, respectively.

TENNIS TEAMS NETS VICTORY OVER

IOWA HAWKEYES: The University of Minnesota Golden Gopher men's tennis team defeated the Iowa Hawkeyes 5-2 in a match Friday night at the Rochester Athletic Club in Rochester, Minn. The victory was the Golden Gophers' first Big Ten win of the season. Minnesota is now 4-6 overall and 1-2 in conference play.

Minnesota received singles wins from Tom Chicoine, Adam Selkirk, Martin Michaelowski and Martin Kristoffersen. The Golden Gophers also won the doubles point as Chicoine/John Cheregi and Michaelowski/Robin Rutili were victorious in their double matches.

ON THE HORIZON: The team's next Big Ten action comes on March 29 when the Golden Gophers travel to State College, Penn., to take on the Nittany Lions of Penn State.

MINNESOTA 5, IOWA 2

Singles

Tom Derioun (IOWA) def. Ben Gabler (MN) 5-7, 6-3, 7-6
Tom Chicoine (MN) def. Damir Seferboic (IOWA) 6-3, 6-4
Adam Selkirk (MN) def. Ulf Jentler (IOWA) 6-3, 6-4
Ryan Johnstone (IOWA) def. John Cheregi (MN) 6-4, 4-6, 6-4
Martin Michaelowski (MN) def. Justin Pohn (IOWA) 6-3, 6-0
Martin Kristoffersen (MN) def. J.R. Chittley (IOWA) 6-2, 7-5

Doubles

Derioun/Jentler (IOWA) def. Gabler/Selkirk (MN) 9-8
Chicoine/Cheregi (MN) def. Seferboic/Ben Bansey (IOWA) 8-6
Michaelowski/Robin Rutili (MN) def. Johnstone/Dave McDevitt (IOWA) 8-6



SWIMMING AND DIVING

1996-97 SWIMMING & DIVING SCHEDULE

DATE	MEET	RESULT/TIME
Oct. 19	Alumni Meet (Aquatic Center)	Non-Scored
Oct. 26	Intra-squad (Aquatic Center)	G-153.5, M-139.5
Nov. 1	Tar Heel Invitational (Chapel Hill, N.C.)	Non-Scored
Nov. 2	North Carolina (Chapel Hill, N.C.)	W 153-145
Nov. 16	Nebraska (Aquatic Center)	W 175-125
Nov. 22	Minnesota Invite (Aquatic Center)	1st/1,409
Dec. 20	Miami (Miami, Fla.)	W 66-47
Jan. 10	Kansas (Aquatic Center)	W 163-80
Jan. 11	Gold Country Invite (Aquatic Center)	1st/1,221
Jan. 18	Northwestern (Evanston, Ill.)	W 181.5-116.5
Jan. 25	Iowa (Aquatic Center)	W 210-89
Jan. 31	Quad Duals - Purdue & Wisconsin (AC)	2-0
Feb. 14	Minnesota Challenge (Aquatic Center)	NTS
Feb. 27-	Big Ten Championships	2nd
Mar. 1	(Bloomington, Ind)	
Mar. 6	Go-Pher-It Invitational (Aquatic Center)	NTS
Mar. 14	NCAA Diving - Zone Qualifying (AC)	NTS
Mar. 27	NCAA Championships (Aquatic Center)	Noon

NCAAS ON THE HORIZON: The ninth-ranked Minnesota men's swimming and diving team qualified 12 swimmers and one diver for the NCAA Championships March 27-29. It is the largest Golden Gopher contingent to ever qualify for the NAAs.

Leading the way for Minnesota is Big Ten champ **MARTIN ZIELINSKI** (So., Bloomington, Minn.) in the 100 fly. Zielinski qualified with a time of 47.09, fourth-fastest in the nation. He will also swim a leg of the 200 medley relay, which qualified with the nation's sixth-fastest time of 1:28.07.

Minnesota's 12-swimmer contingent will be the fifth-largest at the meet, behind Auburn (17), California (13), Southern California (13) and Stanford (13). The Golden Gophers' 12 qualifiers is two more than Michigan, which edged Minnesota by just 17 points for the Big Ten title.

The Golden Gophers will host the NCAA Championships at the University Aquatic Center March 27-29. Preliminary sessions begin each day at noon, followed by finals at 7:00 pm each day.

SWIMMING COACH DENNIS DALE: In his 12th season at the helm of the Golden Gopher program, Dennis Dale (Minnesota '67) has been the driving force behind Minnesota's resurgence on the national collegiate swimming and diving scene. Minnesota finished 12th at the 1996 NCAA Championships after placing ninth (1995), seventh (1994), 11th (1993) and sixth (1992). In addition, the Golden Gophers

have placed among the top three in the Big Ten race each of the past nine seasons and captured the 1996 title.

Dale has coached 31 All-Big Ten performers the past four seasons, including nine this year - **TY BATHURST, JOHN CAHOY, MITCH HENKE, ERIEK HULSEMAN, LUIS LOPEZ, JONATHON MCLEOD, JEREMY RIENTS, MATT SCHLESSMAN, MARTIN ZIELINSKI.**

DIVING COACH KONGZHENG LI: Four-time Olympian Kongzheng Li in his first year coaching the Minnesota divers. Li earned a bronze medal in platform diving for his native China in the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles.

Li comes to Minnesota following a stint as CEO of Team Orlando Diving, Inc., where he was named the 1996 Senior National Diving Coach of the Year. He has served as head coach at the University of Texas and George Washington University.

MINNESOTA NCAA SWIMMING QUALIFIERS

200 free relay - 13. Minnesota (Ty Bathurst, Jeremy Rients, Matt Schlessman, Luis Lopez), 1:19.90

500 free - 25. Manolis Lentaris, 4:24.34; 30. Bill Bishop, 4:24.78

200 IM - 14. Jonathan McLeod, 1:47.93; 29. Yoav Mieri, 1:49.34

50 free - 22. Ty Bathurst, 20.06; 36. Matt Schlessman, 20.27; 39. Jeremy Rients, 20.30; 53. Luis Lopez, 20.47

400 medley relay - 10. Minnesota (Eriek Hulseman, Mitch Henke, Martin Zielinski, Matt Schlessman), 3:14.51

200 medley relay - 6. Minnesota (Eriek Hulseman, Mitch Henke, Martin Zielinski, Ty Bathurst), 1:28.07

400 IM - 10. Jonathan McLeod, 3:49.35; 23. Yoav Mieri, 3:53.06; 24. Bill Bishop, 3:53.81

100 fly - 4. Martin Zielinski, 47.09; 34. John Cahoy, 48.87

200 free - 13. Manolis Lentaris, 1:36.84; 34. Jeremy Rients, 1:38.05

100 breast - 17. Mitch Henke, 54.96; 28. Ty Bathurst, 55.79

100 back - 22. Martin Zielinski, 48.68; 30. Eriek Hulseman, 49.40

800 free relay - 9. Minnesota (Manolis Lentaris, John Cahoy, Matt Schlessman, Jonathan McLeod), 6:31.61

1650 free - 21. Bill Bishop, 15:19.56; 28. Manolis Lentaris, 15:34.30

100 free - 10. Matt Schlessman, 43.94; 16. Jeremy Rients, 44.09; 50. John Cahoy, 44.77; 52. Luis Lopez, 44.79; 61. Ty Bathurst, 44.93

200 breast - 23. Mitch Henke, 2:00.71

200 fly - 16. Martin Zielinski, 1:47.22; 25. Jonathan McLeod, 1:48.07

400 free relay - 10. Minnesota (Jeremy Rients, Matt Schlessman, John Cahoy, Luis Lopez), 2:56.81

BJORKLUND QUALIFIES AT ZONE C COM-

PETITION: Minnesota senior **ISAAC BJORKLUND**

(New Brighton, Minn.) qualified for the NCAA Men's Swimming and Diving Championships by placing fourth in the



GYMNASTICS

1997 GYMNASTICS SCHEDULE

DATE	MEET	PLACE	SCORE/TIME
Jan. 11	Alumni Meet	Sports Pavilion	L / 217.925
Jan. 18	Windy City Invite	Chicago, Ill.	7th/211.900
Jan. 31	Iowa	Iowa City, Iowa	L/223.875
Feb. 8	Michigan and Michigan State	Sports Pavilion	1st/222.100
Feb. 15	Winter Cup	Battle Creek, Mich.	No team scores
Feb. 22	New Mexico and Santa Barbara	Albuquerque, N.M.	2nd/222.40
Mar. 1	Ohio State	Sports Pavilion	L/228.5-228.725
Mar. 9	Nebraska	Lincoln, Neb.	L/225.15-230.175
Mar. 22-23	Big Ten Champ.	Sports Pavilion	1:00 p.m.
Mar. 29	Illinois-Chicago	Chicago, Ill.	2:00 p.m.
Apr. 5	NCAA Regionals	West Point, N.Y.	TBA
Apr. 17-19	NCAA Champ.	Iowa City, Iowa	TBA

Bold indicates home meets

BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS UP NEXT: The No. 10 Golden Gophers host the Big Ten Championships Saturday and Sunday in the Sports Pavilion. The team and all-around competition begins at 1 p.m. on Saturday, and the tournament concludes with individual event competition on Sunday, also at 1 p.m.

MEN'S SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Fri., Mar. 21	2:15-2:30 p.m.	Men's Press Conference Pavilion Media Room
Sat., Mar. 22	1 p.m.	Men's Team & All-Around Sports Pavilion
Sun., Mar. 23	1 p.m.	Men's Individual Finals Sports Pavilion

LAST YEAR AT BIG TENS: Minnesota finished fourth last year at the Big Ten Championships behind three of the top five ranked teams in the country – Ohio State, Iowa and Penn State. **HEATH WALL** (Sr., Sterling Heights, Mich.) recorded the highest Golden Gopher finish, taking third with a 9.70 on the still rings. **JASON KROB** (So., St. Charles, Mo.) placed seventh in his specialty, the pommel horse.

GOLDEN GOPHERS RANKED 10TH: The University of Minnesota men's gymnastics team is ranked 10th by regional qualifying score in the NCAA National Rankings released this week. The Golden Gophers are also ranked sixth in the Eastern Region. This weekend's Big Ten Championships will be very competitive as all seven teams in the Big Ten are ranked in the nation's top 20 and six of seven appear in the Eastern Region's top 10.

NCAA Team National Rankings – March 10
(by regional qualifying average):

1. Ohio State; 2. Cal Berkeley; 3. Iowa; 4. Nebraska; 5. Oklahoma; 6. Penn State; 7t. Stanford, UMass; 9. Illinois; 10. **Minnesota**; 11. Brigham Young; 12. Michigan State; 13. New Mexico; 14. Illinois-Chicago; 15. Navy; 16. Temple; 17. Syracuse; 18. Army; 19. Michigan; 20. Air Force

NCAA Eastern Region Team Rankings – March 10
(by regional qualifying average):

1. Ohio State; 2. Iowa; 3. Penn State; 4. UMass; 5. Illinois; 6. **Minnesota**; 7. Michigan State; 8. Illinois-Chicago; 9. Navy; 10. Temple

WALL IS UM'S TOP RANKED GYMNAST: On the still rings, Heath Wall is tied for 11th in the nation and seventh in the Eastern Region in the rankings by NCAA three-score average. Senior co-captain **FRANK TICKNOR** (Milwaukee, Wis.) is ranked 10th in the region on the rings as well. **GEORGE BEATTY** (Jr., Aberdeen, N.J.) is tied for 18th in the nation and 10th in the region on the pommel horse.

Ticknor is the 13th-ranked all-arounder in the nation and the seventh-ranked gymnast in the Eastern Region.

ON THE HORIZON: The Golden Gophers will travel to the NCAA East Regional in West Point, N.Y., on April 5. The six top teams in the East Region will travel to the regional, and the top three teams will then travel to the NCAA Championships in Iowa City April 17-19. Last year, Minnesota barely missed qualifying for the East Regional as a team, but three Golden Gophers (Ryan Carns, Chris Harrington, Andrew Weaver) qualified individually. Harrington went onto the NCAA Championships in the vault but did not qualify for the individual finals.

MINNESOTA SEASON BESTS:

Team Score	228.500	vs. Ohio State 3/1/97
Floor Exercise	37.700	vs. Ohio State 3/1/97
Pommel Horse	38.550	vs. Ohio State 3/1/97
Still Rings	38.500	vs. Ohio State 3/1/97
Vault	37.800	vs. Ohio State 3/1/97
Parallel Bars	38.200	at NM/UCSB 2/22
Horizontal Bar	37.950	vs. Mich/MSU 2/8

Floor Exercise	9.600	Frank Ticknor (at NM/UCSB)
Pommel Horse	9.825	Jason Krob (at Iowa)
Still Rings	9.750	Heath Wall (at NM/UCSB, vs. OSU) Frank Ticknor (vs. Ohio State)
Vault	9.600	Frank Ticknor (vs. Ohio State)
Parallel Bars	9.750	George Beatty (vs. Ohio State)
Horizontal Bar	9.650	Heath Wall (vs. Ohio State) Dan Boots (vs. Ohio State)
All-Around	57.500	Heath Wall (vs. Ohio State)



TRACK AND FIELD

1997 TRACK & FIELD SCHEDULE

Indoor Track & Field			
DATE	MEET	PLACE	RESULT/TIME
Jan. 4	Early Bird Open	UM Fieldhouse	No team scores
Jan. 11	Northwest Open	UM Fieldhouse	No team scores
Jan. 18	Badger Track Classic	Madison, Wis.	No team scores
Jan. 25	Minnesota Invite	UM Fieldhouse	No team scores
	Manitoba, Drake, Marquette, Iowa		
Jan 31	Mercantile Bank Invite	Cedar Falls, Iowa	5th/37.25 pts.
Feb. 7-8	Iowa State Invitational	Ames, Iowa	No team scores
Feb. 14	Snowshoe Open	UM Fieldhouse	No team scores
Feb. 22-23	Big Ten Indoor Champ.	Iowa City, Iowa	3rd/83.33 pts.
Feb. 28	NCAA Qualifying Meet	Ames, Iowa	No team scores
Mar. 7-8	NCAA Indoor Champ.	Indianapolis, Ind.	T10th/16 pts
Outdoor Track & Field			
Mar. 28-29	Raleigh Relays	Raleigh, N.C.	TBA
Apr. 4-5	Texas Relays	Austin, Texas	TBA
Apr. 5	Cyclone Open	Ames, Iowa	TBA
Apr. 11-12	Sea Ray Relays	Knoxville, Tenn.	TBA
Apr. 19	Hawkeye Invitational	Iowa City, Iowa	TBA
Apr. 25-26	Drake Relays	Des Moines, Iowa	TBA
May 3	TBA	Bierman Field	TBA
May 4	Jesse Owens	Columbus, Ohio	TBA
May 10	Minnesota Invitational	Bierman Field	9 a.m.
May 17	Minnesota Last Chance	Bierman Field	TBA
May 23-24	Big Ten Outdoor Champ	Champaign, Ill.	TBA
June 4-7	NCAA Outdoor Champ	Bloomington, Ind.	TBA

UP NEXT: Minnesota begins its outdoor track and field season at the Raleigh Relays in Raleigh, N.C. on March 28-29. The NCAA Indoor Championships on March 7-8 signaled the end of the 1997 indoor season for the Golden Gophers.

TWO GOPHERS PLACE SECOND AT NCAA INDOORS: Minnesota high jumper **STAFFAN STRAND** (Fr., Upplands-Vasby, Sweden) and pole vaulter **TYE HARVEY** (Sr., Jamestown, Calif.) each earned second-place finishes in their event at the NCAA Indoor Championships in Indianapolis March 7-8.

Strand placed second with a jump of 7-5 (2.26m). The leap broke his own indoor school record. North Carolina's Eric Bishop won the event with a jump of 7-6 (2.29m).

Harvey finished second with a vault of 18-2 1/2 (5.55m). He also broke his own school record with the jump. Long Beach State's Jason Hinkin won the event with a vault of 18-6 1/2 (5.65m).

MINNESOTA FINISHES TENTH IN FINAL TEAM STANDINGS AT NCAA INDOORS:

Strand's and Harvey's performances gave the Gophers 16 points and tied them for tenth place with Tennessee and Louisiana State in the final team standings at the NCAA Indoor Championships in Indianapolis. Arkansas won the team title with 59 points.



GOLF

UP NEXT: The Golden Gophers will return to the links after final exams on March 29-30 when they will travel to Dallas, Texas, for the Dr. Pepper Invitational.

GOLFERS FINISH THIRD IN SAN DIEGO:

The University of Minnesota men's golf team finished third in the Ashworth Invitational in San Diego, Calif. The Golden Gophers finished with a three-round total of 888, nine strokes behind Central Florida and just one stroke behind Hawaii.

Sophomores **BILL THOMPSON** (Wayzata, Minn.) and **ANDY KOMOR** (New Brighton, Minn.) were the top finishers for the Golden Gophers. Thompson and Komor tied for sixth with three-day totals of 221, which was five strokes over par. The Minnesota pair was 10 strokes off the lead of Central Florida's Jason Opal who won the invitational with a 211. Sophomore **MATT LEWIS** (Dubuque, Iowa) finished tied for 12th with a three-round total of 222.

Minnesota Individual Scores: T6. Bill Thompson, Minn., 77-73-71-221. T6. Andy Komor, Minn., 75-72-74-221. T12. Matt Lewis, Minn., 73-74-75. T37. Jeff Barney, Minn., 74-74-80-228. T63. Matt Burgess, Minn., 77-80-76-233.

GOLFERS RANKED IN LATEST POLL: The University of Minnesota men's golf team is No. 17 in the latest Rolex Collegiate Rankings with 48,892 points. The Golden Gophers are the highest ranked Big Ten team in the rankings. The University of Nevada-Las Vegas is the top ranked team with 209,540 points.

The Golden Gophers have five top-five tournament finishes this season. Big Ten Freshman of the Year candidate **MARTIN LE MESURIER** (South Hampton, England) leads the team with a 73.1 average. Junior All-American **ROB KERR** (Pointe Claire, Quebec) is second with a 73.5 average.

ROLEX MEN'S TEAM RANKINGS

1. UNLV, 209,540; 2. Oklahoma State, 194,540; 3. TCU, 193,580; 4. Arizona, 167,920; 5. East Tennessee St., 147,200; 6. Wake Forest, 142,180; 7. North Carolina, 139,520; 8. Texas, 125,201; 9. Florida, 114,653; 10. Clemson, 105,608; 11. Arizona State, 103,850; 12. Southern California, 101,373; 13. Georgia Tech, 75,720; 14. Auburn, 72,227; 15. Virginia, 65,830; 16. Brigham Young, 56,840; 17. Minnesota, 48,892; 18. Tulsa, 48,721; 19. SMU, 74,868; 20. New Mexico, 44,920; 21. Mississippi State, 42,200; 22. LSU, 41,800; 23. Ohio State, 41,229; 24. Northwestern, 38,840; 25. Alabama, 37,017.

ROBINSON NAMED BIG TEN COACH OF THE YEAR:

Golden Gopher Head Coach J Robinson was named Big Ten Wrestling Coach of the Year following this weekend's championships. It was the third time Robinson has been honored, receiving the award in 1989 and 1994.

MINNESOTA PROJECTED STARTING LINE-UP FOR NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Wgt., Name, Yr., Hometown, Overall, Big Ten Place
118, Brandon Paulson, Jr., Coon Rapids, Minn., 17-5, 6th
126, No. 11 Pat Connors, So., Longview, Wash., 17-7, 3rd
134, No. 11 Troy Marr, So., Wyoming, Minn., 25-9, 5th
142, No. 3 Jason Davids, Jr., Forest Lake, Minn., 30-3, 2nd
150, No. 4 Chad Kraft, So., Lakefield, Minn., 26-4, 3rd
158, Josh Holiday, So., Anaheim, Calif., 26-9, 3rd
167, No. 6 Zac Taylor, Jr., Sandpoint, Idaho, 20-7, 4th
177, Brandon Eggum, Fr., Sidney, Mont., 19-8, 4th
190, No. 3 Tim Hartung, So., Durand, Wis., 29-1, 1st
Hwt, Shelton Benjamin, Jr., Susanville, Calif., 19-14, 6th

GOLDEN GOPHERS AT LAST YEAR'S NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Minnesota placed a disappointing 19th in last year's NCAA Championships held in Minneapolis.

Individually, Minnesota had three wrestlers place in the top eight and become All-Americans. Jason Davids (142) and Chad Kraft (150) both finished fifth, while heavyweight Billy Pierce placed sixth.

MINNESOTA WRESTLERS STAY AT NO. 3 IN COUNTRY; SIX GOLDEN GOPHERS

NATIONALLY RANKED: The University of Minnesota wrestling team remained the third-ranked team in the country for the fifth straight week, behind Oklahoma State and Iowa. The Golden Gophers are 16-4 overall and 6-1 in Big Ten duals.

Six Golden Gopher wrestlers are currently ranked in the top 12 in their respective weight classes. Leading the way are Jason Davids and Tim Hartung, both of whom are ranked No. 3. Chad Kraft held on to his No. 4 ranking at 150 pounds, while Zac Taylor slipped one spot to No. 6 in the country at 167 pounds. Kraft's overall mark is 21-3, and Taylor is 18-5.

Sophomore Troy Marr maintained his hold on the No. 11 spot at 134 pounds and carries a record of 22-7, tied for third on the squad in wins.

Debuting in the national rankings was Pat Connors, who has won his last four matches at 126 pounds to improve his season record to 13-6, and is ranked No. 11.

QUOTING COACH ROBINSON:

On the Tournament:

"I felt we wrestled well. We were aggressive and dominating in most matches, but a couple of upsets in the quarterfinals took us out of the team picture. We're close to where we want to be and the guys came together as a team. We made a good statement, and we believe that we can win."

On the team's personality:

"Our guys aren't very emotional, because more emotions equal more pressure. Our guys are at their best when they're

relaxed, and their whole social life is this close-knit family."

On the depth of the Big Ten Conference:

"The conference is better than it was 10 years ago. The teams are more intense and they are working harder."

On being named Coach of the Year:

"It's kind of funny, because Dan always wins the tournaments and whoever is second always wins Coach of the Year.

Seriously, it's the biggest honor a coach can get, especially when it's from his peers."



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Gopher Hotline

The Golden Gopher Hotline features daily interviews with players and coaches. It is available to the media 24 hours a day by calling (612) 625-7887. The hotline is broadcast quality and is changed by noon each day. This service is for media use only. The schedule for this week is as follows:

Monday-Tuesday, March 24-25:

Head basketball coach **Clem Haskins**

Wednesday, March 26:

Senior guard **Bobby Jackson**

Thursday-Friday, March 27-28:

Juniors **Eric Harris** and **Sam Jacobson**

Saturday-Sunday, March 29-30:

Senior **John Thomas** and
sophomores **Charles Thomas** and **Courtney James**

DON'T FORGET MARCH MADNESS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA...

The University of Minnesota will host these major championships in the month of March!

March 8-9 Big Ten Wrestling
@ Williams Arena

March 22-23 Big Ten Gymnastics
@ Sports Pavilion

March 27-29 NCAA Swimming and Diving
@ U of M Aquatic Center

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This Week in Gopher Sports

Mon.
Mar. 24

- Baseball vs. Chicago State Cougars (2)
H.H.H. Metrodome
KSGS-950 AM, 1 p.m.

Tues.
Mar. 25

- Baseball vs. Northern Iowa
H.H.H. Metrodome
KSGS-950 AM, 2 p.m.
- Tennis at Columbia
New York, N.Y., 2 p.m.

Wed.
Mar. 26

- Baseball vs. UW-Milwaukee Panthers
H.H.H. Metrodome
KSGS-950 AM, 3 p.m.
- Tennis at Princeton
Princeton, N.J., 2 p.m.

Thurs.
Mar. 27

- Baseball vs. UW-Milwaukee Panthers
H.H.H. Metrodome
KSGS-950 AM, 3 p.m.
- Swimming NCAA Championships
University Aquatic Center
Prelims Noon, Finals 7 p.m.

Fri.
Mar. 28

- Baseball vs. Purdue Boilermakers
H.H.H. Metrodome
KSGS-950 AM, 6:30 p.m.
- Swimming NCAA Championships
University Aquatic Center
Prelims Noon, Finals 7 p.m.
- Track at Florida Relays
Gainesville, Fla., All Day

Sat.
Mar. 29

- Swimming NCAA Championships
University Aquatic Center
Prelims Noon, Finals 7 p.m.
- Baseball vs. Purdue Boilermakers (2)
H.H.H. Metrodome
KSGS-950 AM, 2 p.m.
- Track at Florida Relays
Gainesville, Fla., All Day
- Golf at Dr. Pepper Tournament
Pottsboro, Texas, All Day
- Gymnastics at Illinois-Chicago Flame
Chicago, Ill., 2 p.m.
- Tennis at Penn State Nittany Lions
State College, Pa., 2 p.m.
- Basketball vs. Kentucky Wildcats
NCAA Final Four - Game 2
RCA Dome, Indianapolis, Ind.
CBS-TV, WCCO-AM 830
35 minutes after Game 1

Sun.
Mar. 30

- Swimming NCAA Championships
University Aquatic Center
Prelims Noon, Finals 7 p.m.
- Baseball vs. Purdue Boilermakers
H.H.H. Metrodome
KSGS-950 AM, 6:30 p.m.
- Track at Florida Relays
Gainesville, Fla., All Day
- Golf at Dr. Pepper Tournament
Pottsboro, Texas, All Day



WRESTLING

1996-97 WRESTLING SCHEDULE

DATE	MEET	PLACE	SCORE/TIME
All Unattached			
Nov. 16	Bison Open	Fargo, N.D.	All Day
Nov. 23	UNO Open	Omaha, Neb.	All Day
Nov. 29	Northern Open	Madison, Wis.	All Day
Official Team Schedule			
Nov. 22	North Dakota St.	Fargo, N.D.	W, 42-3
Dec. 6	Northwestern	Williams	W, 35-3
Dec. 15	Clarion Duals	Clarion, Pa.	1st Place
		- Ohio U	W, 39-4
		- Clarion	W, 34-9
		- Rider	W, 27-12
Dec. 17	S. Connecticut St.	New Haven, Conn.	W, 46-6
Jan. 4	Iowa State	Williams	L, 16-19
Jan. 7	Nebraska	Lincoln, Neb.	W, 29-12
Jan. 10	South Dakota St.	Williams	Cancelled
Jan. 18-19	National Duals	Lincoln, Neb.	3rd Place
		- Missouri Valley	W, 48-0
		- Penn State	W, 21-10
		- Iowa	L, 23-12
		- Michigan State	W, 28-9
		- Penn State	W, 19-15
Jan. 24	Iowa	Iowa City, Iowa	L, 29-12
Jan. 31	Oklahoma State	Stillwater, Okla.	L, 26-10
Feb. 2	Wisconsin	Williams	W, 28-9
Feb. 9	Penn State	Pavilion	W, 28-7
Feb. 15	Michigan State	East Lansing, Mich.	W, 23-12
Feb. 16	Michigan	Ann Arbor, Mich.	W, 28-10
Feb. 23	Ohio State	Pavilion	W, 23-16
Mar. 8-9	Big Tens	Home	2nd
Mar. 20-22	NCAAs	Cedar Falls, Iowa	3rd/71 points

Bold indicates home meets

WRESTLERS PLACE THIRD AT NCAA

CHAMPIONSHIPS: Minnesota ended its 1997 season last week, finishing third at the NCAA Championships in Cedar Falls, Iowa, its highest place since 1941. The Golden Gophers finished third that year as well. Minnesota amassed 71 team points. It was the first time in school history that the Golden Gophers had all 10 wrestlers compete in the championships. Iowa won the team title with 170.00 points, while Oklahoma State finished second with 113.50 points. Minnesota edged fourth-place Iowa State by just one point.

Top Ten Final Team Scores

1. Iowa, 170.00; 2. Oklahoma State, 113.50; 3. Minnesota, 71.00; 4. Iowa State, 70.00; 5. Lock Haven, 54.00; 6. Edinboro, 45.00; 7. Oklahoma, 44.50; 8. Cal-Bak, 43.50; 9.

Illinois, 42.50; 10. Penn State, 40.00.

THE COACH: The Golden Gophers' J Robinson (Oklahoma State, 1969) is currently in his 11th year and has guided Minnesota to a 148-74-3 record and two runner-up Big Ten finishes. Robinson has coached 11 Big Ten champions and 28 NCAA All-Americans, including five this season. He is 16-4 in 1996-97.

THREE GOPHERS WRESTLE TO THIRD PLACE FINISHES AT NCAAs:

Junior **JASON DAVIDS** (Forest Lake, Minn.), sophomore **CHAD KRAFT** (Lakefield, Minn.) and sophomore **TIM HARTUNG** (Durand, Wis.) all finished third in their respective weight classes at the NCAA Championships.

Dauids decisioned Oklahoma State's Scott Reyna at 142 pounds, Kraft decisioned Oregon's Scott Norton at 150 pounds, and Tim Hartung decisioned Pittsburgh's Mark Bodo at 190 pounds.

BENJAMIN CAPTURES FIFTH PLACE AT NCAAs:

Junior heavyweight **SHELTON BENJAMIN** (Susanville, Calif.) decisioned North Carolina's Justin Harty to place fifth at the NCAA Championships.

CONNORS FINISHES EIGHTH AT NCAAs:

Sophomore **PAT CONNORS** (Longview, Wash.) placed eighth at 126 pounds at the NCAA Championships.

FIVE GOPHERS CAPTURE ALL-AMERICAN HONORS:

As a result of their top eight finishes, Davids, Kraft, Hartung, Benjamin and Connors garnered All-American honors. Davids and Kraft were All-Americans last year as well, while Hartung, Benjamin and Connors are first-time All-Americans.



TRACK AND FIELD

1997 TRACK & FIELD SCHEDULE

Indoor Track & Field			
DATE	MEET	PLACE	RESULT/TIME
Jan. 4	Early Bird Open	UM Fieldhouse	No team scores
Jan. 11	Northwest Open	UM Fieldhouse	No team scores
Jan. 18	Badger Track Classic	Madison, Wis.	No team scores
Jan. 25	Minnesota Invite	UM Fieldhouse	No team scores
Jan 31	Mercantile Bank Invite	Cedar Falls, Iowa	5th/37.25 pts.
Feb. 7-8	Iowa State Invitational	Ames, Iowa	No team scores
Feb. 14	Snowshoe Open	UM Fieldhouse	No team scores
Feb. 22-23	Big Ten Indoor Champ.	Iowa City, Iowa	3rd/83.33 pts.
Feb. 28	NCAA Qualifying Meet	Ames, Iowa	No team scores
Mar. 7-8	NCAA Indoor Champ.	Indianapolis, Ind.	T10th/16 pts.
Outdoor Track & Field			
Mar. 28-29	Raleigh Relays	Raleigh, N.C.	TBA
Apr. 4-5	Texas Relays	Austin, Texas	TBA
Apr. 5	Cyclone Open	Ames, Iowa	TBA
Apr. 11-12	Sea Ray Relays	Knoxville, Tenn.	TBA
Apr. 19	Hawkeye Invitational	Iowa City, Iowa	TBA
Apr. 25-26	Drake Relays	Des Moines, Iowa	TBA
May 3	TBA	Bierman Field	TBA
May 4	Jesse Owens	Columbus, Ohio	TBA
May 10	Minnesota Invitational	Bierman Field	9 a.m.
May 17	Minnesota Last Chance	Bierman Field	TBA
May 23-24	Big Ten Outdoor Champ.	Champaign, Ill.	TBA
June 4-7	NCAA Outdoor Champ.	Bloomington, Ind.	TBA

UP NEXT: Minnesota begins its outdoor track and field season this weekend at the Raleigh Relays in Raleigh, N.C. on March 28-29. The NCAA Indoor Championships on March 7-8 signaled the end of the 1997 indoor season for the Gophers.

TWO GOPHERS PLACE SECOND AT NCAA INDOORS: Minnesota high jumper **STAFFAN STRAND** (Fr., Upplands-Vasby, Sweden) and pole vaulter **TYE HARVEY** (Sr., Jamestown, Calif.) each earned second-place finishes in their event at the NCAA Indoor Championships in Indianapolis March 7-8.

Strand placed second with a jump of 7-5 (2.26m). The leap broke his own indoor school record. North Carolina's Eric Bishop won the event with a jump of 7-6 (2.29m).

Harvey finished second with a vault of 18-2 1/2 (5.55m). He also broke his own school record with the jump. Long Beach State's Jason Hinkin won the event with a vault of 18-6 1/2 (5.65m).

MINNESOTA FINISHES TENTH IN FINAL TEAM STANDINGS AT NCAA INDOORS:

Strand's and Harvey's performances gave the Gophers 16 points and tied them for tenth place with Tennessee and Louisiana State in the final team standings at the NCAA Indoor Championships in Indianapolis. Arkansas won the team title with 59 points.



GOLF

UP NEXT: The Golden Gophers will return to the links this weekend (March 29-30) when they will travel to Dallas, Texas, for the Dr. Pepper Invitational.

GOLFERS FINISH THIRD IN SAN DIEGO:

The University of Minnesota men's golf team finished third in the Ashworth Invitational in San Diego on Mar. 8-9. The Golden Gophers finished with a three-round total of 888, nine strokes behind Central Florida and just one stroke behind Hawaii.

Sophomores **BILL THOMPSON** (Wayzata, Minn.) and **ANDY KOMOR** (New Brighton, Minn.) were the top finishers for the Golden Gophers. Thompson and Komor tied for sixth with three-day totals of 221, which was five strokes over par. The Minnesota pair was 10 strokes off the lead of Central Florida's Jason Opal who won the invitational with a 211. Sophomore **MATT LEWIS** (Dubuque, Iowa) finished tied for 12th with a three-round total of 222.

Minnesota Individual Scores: T6. Bill Thompson, Minn., 77-73-71-221. T6. Andy Komor, Minn., 75-72-74-221. T12. Matt Lewis, Minn., 73-74-75. T37. Jeff Barney, Minn., 74-74-80-228. T63. Matt Burgess, Minn., 77-80-76-233.

GOLFERS RANKED IN LATEST POLL: The University of Minnesota men's golf team is No. 17 in the latest Rolex Collegiate Rankings with 48,892 points. The Golden Gophers are the highest ranked Big Ten team in the rankings. The University of Nevada-Las Vegas is the top ranked team with 209,540 points.

The Golden Gophers have five top-five tournament finishes this season. Big Ten Freshman of the Year candidate **MARTIN LE MESURIER** (South Hampton, England) leads the team with a 73.1 average. Junior All-American **ROB KERR** (Pointe Claire, Quebec) is second with a 73.5 average.

ROLEX MEN'S TEAM RANKINGS

1. UNLV, 209,540; 2. Oklahoma State, 194,540; 3. TCU, 193,580; 4. Arizona, 167,920; 5. East Tennessee St., 147,200; 6. Wake Forest, 142,180; 7. North Carolina, 139,520; 8. Texas, 125,201; 9. Florida, 114,653; 10. Clemson, 105,608; 11. Arizona State, 103,850; 12. Southern California, 101,373; 13. Georgia Tech, 75,720; 14. Auburn, 72,227; 15. Virginia, 65,830; 16. Brigham Young, 56,840; 17. Minnesota, 48,892; 18. Tulsa, 48,721; 19. SMU, 74,868; 20. New Mexico, 44,920; 21. Mississippi State, 42,200; 22. LSU, 41,800; 23. Ohio State, 41,229; 24. Northwestern, 38,840; 25. Alabama, 37,017.



GYMNASTICS

1997 GYMNASTICS SCHEDULE

DATE	MEET	PLACE	SCORE/TIME
Jan. 11	Alumni Meet	Sports Pavilion	L / 217.925
Jan. 18	Windy City Invite	Chicago, Ill.	7th/211.900
Jan. 31	Iowa	Iowa City, Iowa	L/223.875
Feb. 8	Michigan and Michigan State	Sports Pavilion	1st/222.100
Feb. 15	Winter Cup	Battle Creek, Mich.	No team scores
Feb. 22	New Mexico and Santa Barbara	Albuquerque, N.M.	2nd/222.40
Mar. 1	Ohio State	Sports Pavilion	L/228.5-228.725
Mar. 9	Nebraska	Lincoln, Neb.	L/225.15-230.175
Mar. 22-23	Big Ten Champ.	Sports Pavilion	1:00 p.m.
Mar. 29	Illinois-Chicago	Chicago, Ill.	2:00 p.m.
Apr. 5	NCAA Regionals	West Point, N.Y.	TBA
Apr. 17-19	NCAA Champ.	Iowa City, Iowa	TBA

Bold indicates home meets

UIC FLAMES UP NEXT: The No. 12 Golden Gophers will conclude the regular season with a dual meet at Illinois-Chicago on Saturday. The meet is set to begin at 2 p.m.

MINNESOTA FINISHES FOURTH AT BIG TENS: The University of Minnesota men's gymnastics team finished fourth in the team competition in the Big Ten Men's Gymnastics Championships in the Sports Pavilion. The Golden Gophers finished with a team total of 227.45. Ohio State won the team competition with a team total of 230.825, followed by Iowa (230.7) and Penn State (228.00).

TICKNOR FINISHES 7TH IN ALL-AROUND: Senior co-captain **FRANK TICKNOR** (Milwaukee, Wis.) was the highest Golden Gopher finisher in the all-around. He took seventh with a total of 56.755. Senior co-captain **HEATH WALL** (Sterling Heights, Mich.) finished 13th in the all-around, and freshman **LINDSEY FANG** (Allentown, Pa.) finished 15th. Blaine Wilson of Ohio State won the all-around competition with a total of 58.825.

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS: Several Golden Gophers qualified for the event finals on Sunday with their performances Saturday. On the still rings, Ticknor took seventh, and Wall tied for eighth. Fang finished eighth on the vault with a season-best 9.60. Wall and junior **GEORGE BEATTY** (Aberdeen, N.J.) both qualified on the parallel bar, tying for sixth. Sophomore **DAN BOOTS** (Pearland, Texas) tied for sixth on the horizontal bar.

In Sunday's event finals, Fang was the highest finisher, placing seventh on the vault with a score of 9.50.

On the still rings, Ticknor and Wall finished eighth and

ninth, respectively. Beatty finished ninth on the parallel bars. Wall also competed on the parallel bars and took 10th. Boots placed eighth on the horizontal bars.

GOLDEN GOPHERS RANKED 12TH: The University of Minnesota men's gymnastics team is ranked 12th by regional qualifying score in the NCAA National Rankings released this week. The Golden Gophers are also ranked sixth in the Eastern Region. All seven teams in the Big Ten are ranked in the nation's top 20 and six of seven appear in the Eastern Region's top 10.

NCAA Team National Rankings – March 17

(by regional qualifying average):

1. Ohio State; 2. Cal Berkeley; 3. Oklahoma; 4. Iowa; 5. Nebraska; 6. Penn State; 7. New Mexico; 8t. Stanford, UMass; 10. Illinois; 11. Brigham Young; **12. Minnesota**; 13. Michigan State; 14. Illinois-Chicago; 15. Navy; 16. Temple; 17. Michigan; 18. Syracuse; 19. Army; 20. William and Mary

NCAA Eastern Region Team Rankings – March 17

(by regional qualifying average):

1. Ohio State; 2. Iowa; 3. Penn State; 4. UMass; 5. Illinois; 6. **Minnesota**; 7. Michigan State; 8. Illinois-Chicago; 9. Navy; 10. Temple

WALL IS UM'S TOP RANKED GYMNAST: On the still rings, Heath Wall is tied for 13th in the nation and seventh in the Eastern Region in the rankings by NCAA three-score average. Senior co-captain **FRANK TICKNOR** (Milwaukee, Wis.) is ranked 10th in the region on the rings as well. **GEORGE BEATTY** (Jr., Aberdeen, N.J.) is tied for 18th in the nation and 10th in the region on the pommel horse.

Ticknor is the 14th-ranked all-arounder in the nation and the eighth-ranked gymnast in the Eastern Region.

ON THE HORIZON: The Golden Gophers will travel to the NCAA East Regional in West Point, N.Y., on April 5. The six top teams in the East Region will travel to the regional, and the top three teams will then travel to the NCAAs in Iowa City April 17-19. Last year, Minnesota barely missed qualifying for the East Regional as a team, but three Golden Gophers (Ryan Carns, Chris Harrington, Andrew Weaver) qualified individually. Harrington went onto the NCAA Championships on the vault but did not qualify for the individual finals.

MINNESOTA SEASON BESTS:

Team Score	228.500	vs. Ohio State 3/1/97
Floor Exercise	37.950	at Big Tens 3/22/97
Pommel Horse	38.550	vs. Ohio State 3/1/97
Still Rings	38.500	vs. Ohio State 3/1/97
Vault	37.950	at Big Tens 3/22/97
Parallel Bars	38.200	at NM/UCSB 2/22
Horizontal Bar	37.950	vs. Mich/MSU 2/8

Floor Exercise	9.600	Frank Ticknor (at NM/UCSB)
Pommel Horse	9.825	Jason Krob (at Iowa)
Still Rings	9.750	Heath Wall (at NM/UCSB, vs. OSU) Frank Ticknor (vs. Ohio State)

Vault	9.600	Frank Ticknor (vs. Ohio State), Lindsey Fang (Big Tens)
Parallel Bars	9.750	George Beatty (vs. Ohio State)
Horizontal Bar	9.650	Heath Wall (vs. Ohio State) Dan Boots (vs. Ohio State)
All-Around	57.500	Heath Wall (vs. Ohio State)

1997 BIG TEN MEN'S GYMNASTICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

March 22-23, 1997

Hosted by the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn.

Final Team Results:

1. Ohio State, 30.825
2. Iowa, 230.700
3. Penn State, 228.000
- 4. Minnesota, 227.450**
5. Illinois, 227.200
6. Michigan St., 227.000
7. Michigan, 222.225

All-Around

1. Blaine Wilson (OSU), 58.825
2. Drew Durbin (OSU), 57.85
3. Travis Romagnoli (ILL), 57.55
4. Yuval Ayalon (ILL), 57.40
5. Jose Haro (MICH), 57.325
6. Tim Elsner (OSU), 56.95
- 7. Frank Ticknor, 56.775**
13. **Heath Wall, 56.05**
15. **Lindsey Fang, 55.925**

Individual Events Finals

Floor Exercise: 1. Blaine Wilson (OSU), 9.80; 2. Drew Durbin (OSU), 9.60; 3. Jose Haro (MICH), 9.575

Pommel Horse: 1. Blaine Wilson (OSU), 9.875; 2. Mike Dutka (PSU), 9.825; 3. Mathew Weiss (PSU), 9.80

Still Rings: 1. Blaine Wilson (OSU), 9.90; 2. Victor Prisk (MSU), 9.875; 3. Danny Beigel (PSU), 9.85; **8. Heath Wall (MINN), 9.55; 9. Frank Ticknor (MINN), 9.50**

Vault: 1. Travis Romagnoli (ILL), 9.675; 2t. Jason Rogers (IOWA), 9.60; 2t. Jose Haro (MICH), 9.60; 2t. Drew Durbin (OSU), 9.60; **7. Lindsey Fang (MINN), 9.50**

Parallel Bars: 1. Drew Durbin (OSU) 9.90; 2. Blaine Wilson (OSU) 9.80; 3. Jose Haro (MICH), 9.75; **9. George Beatty (MINN), 9.30; 10. Heath Wall (MINN), 9.10**

Horizontal Bar: 1. Blaine Wilson (OSU), 9.875; 2. Tom Ellefson (PSU), 9.775; 3. Yuval Ayalon (ILL), 9.75; 8. Dan Boots (MINN), 8.50

Big Ten Co-Coaches of the Year: Peter Kormann (Ohio State) and Tom Dunn (Iowa)

Gymnast of the Year: Blaine Wilson (Ohio State)

Freshman of the Year: Mike Dutka (Penn State)



SWIMMING AND DIVING

1996-97 SWIMMING & DIVING SCHEDULE

DATE	MEET	RESULT/TIME
Oct. 19	Alumni Meet (Aquatic Center)	Non-Scored
Oct. 26	Intra-squad (Aquatic Center)	G-153.5, M-139.5
Nov. 1	Tar Heel Invitational (Chapel Hill, N.C.)	Non-Scored
Nov. 2	North Carolina (Chapel Hill, N.C.)	W 153-145
Nov. 16	Nebraska (Aquatic Center)	W 175-125
Nov. 22	Minnesota Invite (Aquatic Center)	1st/1,409
Dec. 20	Miami (Miami, Fla.)	W 66-47
Jan. 10	Kansas (Aquatic Center)	W 163-80
Jan. 11	Gold Country Invite (Aquatic Center)	1st/1,221
Jan. 18	Northwestern (Evanston, Ill.)	W 181.5-116.5
Jan. 25	Iowa (Aquatic Center)	W 210-89
Jan. 31	Quad Duals - Purdue & Wisconsin (AC)	2-0
Feb. 14	Minnesota Challenge (Aquatic Center)	NTS
Feb. 27-	Big Ten Championships	2nd
Mar. 1	(Bloomington, Ind)	
Mar. 6	Go-Pher-It Invitational (Aquatic Center)	NTS
Mar. 14	NCAA Diving - Zone Qualifying (AC)	NTS
Mar. 27	NCAA Championships (Aquatic Center)	Noon

NCAAS ON THE HORIZON: The ninth-ranked Minnesota men's swimming and diving team qualified 12 swimmers and one diver for the NCAA Championships this weekend March 27-29. It is the largest Golden Gopher contingent to ever qualify for the NCAAs. Preliminary sessions begin at noon, followed by finals at 7:00 pm each day in the University Aquatic Center.

Leading the way for Minnesota is Big Ten champ **MARTIN ZIELINSKI** (So., Bloomington, Minn.) in the 100 fly. Zielinski qualified with a time of 47.09, fourth-fastest in the nation. He will also swim a leg of the 200 medley relay, which qualified with the nation's sixth-fastest time of 1:28.07.

Minnesota's 12-swimmer contingent will be the fifth-largest at the meet, behind Auburn (17), California (13), Southern California (13) and Stanford (13). The Golden Gophers' 12 qualifiers is two more than Michigan, which edged Minnesota by just 17 points for the Big Ten title.

SWIMMING COACH DENNIS DALE: In his 12th season at the helm of the Golden Gopher program, Dennis Dale (Minnesota '67) has been the driving force behind Minnesota's resurgence on the national collegiate swimming and diving scene. Minnesota finished 12th at the 1996 NCAA Championships after placing ninth (1995), seventh (1994), 11th (1993) and sixth (1992). In addition, the Golden Gophers have placed among the top three in the Big Ten race each of the past nine seasons and captured the 1996 title.

Dale has coached 31 All-Big Ten performers the past four seasons, including nine this year - **TY BATHURST, JOHN CAHOY, MITCH HENKE, ERIEK HULSEMAN, LUIS LOPEZ, JONATHON MCLEOD, JEREMY RIENTS, MATT SCHLESSMAN, MARTIN ZIELINSKI.**

DIVING COACH KONGZHENG LI: Four-time Olympian Kongzheng Li in his first year coaching the Minnesota divers. Li earned a bronze medal in platform diving for his native China in the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles.

Li comes to Minnesota following a stint as CEO of Team Orlando Diving, Inc., where he was named the 1996 Senior National Diving Coach of the Year. He has served as head coach at the University of Texas and George Washington.

MINNESOTA NCAA SWIMMING QUALIFIERS

200 free relay - 13. Minnesota (Ty Bathurst, Jeremy Rients, Matt Schlessman, Luis Lopez), 1:19.90

500 free - 25. Manolis Lentaris, 4:24.34; 30. Bill Bishop, 4:24.78

200 IM - 14. Jonathan McLeod, 1:47.93; 29. Yoav Mieri, 1:49.34

50 free - 22. Ty Bathurst, 20.06; 36. Matt Schlessman, 20.27; 39. Jeremy Rients, 20.30; 53. Luis Lopez, 20.47

400 medley relay - 10. Minnesota (Eriek Hulseman, Mitch Henke, Martin Zielinski, Matt Schlessman), 3:14.51

200 medley relay - 6. Minnesota (Eriek Hulseman, Mitch Henke, Martin Zielinski, Ty Bathurst), 1:28.07

400 IM - 10. Jonathan McLeod, 3:49.35; 23. Yoav Mieri, 3:53.06; 24. Bill Bishop, 3:53.81

100 fly - 4. Martin Zielinski, 47.09; 34. John Cahoy, 48.87
200 free - 13. Manolis Lentaris, 1:36.84; 34. Jeremy Rients, 1:38.05

100 breast - 17. Mitch Henke, 54.96; 28. Ty Bathurst, 55.79
100 back - 22. Martin Zielinski, 48.68; 30. Eriek Hulseman, 49.40

800 free relay - 9. Minnesota (Manolis Lentaris, John Cahoy, Matt Schlessman, Jonathan McLeod), 6:31.61

1650 free - 21. Bill Bishop, 15:19.56; 28. Manolis Lentaris, 15:34.30

100 free - 10. Matt Schlessman, 43.94; 16. Jeremy Rients, 44.09; 50. John Cahoy, 44.77; 52. Luis Lopez, 44.79; 61. Ty Bathurst, 44.93

200 breast - 23. Mitch Henke, 2:00.71

200 fly - 16. Martin Zielinski, 1:47.22; 25. Jonathan McLeod, 1:48.07

400 free relay - 10. Minnesota (Jeremy Rients, Matt Schlessman, John Cahoy, Luis Lopez), 2:56.81

BJORKLUND QUALIFIES AT ZONE C COMPETITION:

Minnesota senior **ISAAC BJORKLUND** (New Brighton, Minn.) qualified for the NCAA Men's Swimming and Diving Championships by placing fourth in the three-meter springboard at the Zone C Diving competition at the Aquatic Center last week. Bjorklund scored 495.05 in the three-meter springboard competition to finish fourth. He also qualified for the NCAAs as a sophomore.



TENNIS

NETTERS TO TAKE TRIP THROUGH IVY

LEAGUE: The Golden Gophers continue their trip through the Ivy League with matches against Princeton Wednesday. The team's next Big Ten action comes on March 29 when the Golden Gophers travel to State College, Penn., to take on the Nittany Lions of Penn State.

GOLDEN GOPHERS DOWN YALE: The

University of Minnesota men's tennis team (5-6, 1-2) defeated Yale University 5-2 in a non-conference match on Sunday afternoon at the Gullman Center in New Haven, Connecticut. The win was the third in the last four matches for the Golden Gophers after starting the season by winning just two of their first seven contests.

Minnesota swept all three doubles matches for just the second time this season to win the doubles point for the seventh time in 1997. Sophomore **ADAM SELKIRK** (St. Joseph, Mo.) and freshman **MARTIN MICHAELOWSKI** (Ottawa, Ontario, Canada) won their singles matches in straight sets, while sophomores **TOM CHICOINE** (Neenah, Wis.) and **MARTIN KRISTOFFERSEN** (Portsgrunn, Norway) went to three sets to dispose of their opponents.

MINNESOTA 5, YALE 2

Singles

Jonathan Beardsley (Y) def. Ben Gabler (MN) 7-6, 7-5
Tom Chicoine (MN) def. Andrew Tang (Y) 6-2, 6-7, 6-1
Mark Warnken (Y) def. John Cheregi (MN) 6-4, 7-6
Adam Selkirk (MN) def. Cullen McMahon (Y) 6-4, 7-6
Martin Michaelowski (MN) def. David Beynet (Y) 6-4, 6-3
Martin Kristoffersen (MN) def. Reid Lerner (Y) 3-6, 6-3, 7-6

Doubles

Gabler/Selkirk (MN) def. Beardsley/Beynet (Y) 8-4
Chicoine/Kristoffersen (MN) def. Tang/Mayo (Y) 8-1
Michalowski/Robin Rutili (MN) def. McMahon/Lerner (Y) 8-2

COLUMBIA DROPS TENNIS TEAM: The

University of Minnesota men's tennis team (5-7, 1-2) was defeated by Columbia University 5-2 in a non-conference match on Tuesday afternoon at the Dodge Fitness Center in New York City. Columbia controlled the singles action, winning the number two through six matches to claim the victory.

Minnesota gained the doubles point with victories from the teams of **TOM CHICOINE/MARTIN KRISTOFFERSEN**

and **MARTIN MICHAELOWSKI/ROBIN RUTILI** (Palo Alto, Calif.) Senior **BEN GABLER** (Chambersburg, Pa.) broke a personal three-match losing skid with a straight set win at number one singles. The win was Gabler's 90th career singles triumph.

COLUMBIA 5, MINNESOTA 2

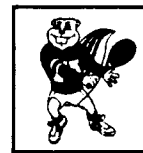
Singles

Ben Gabler (MN) def. Kevin Chang (C) 6-4, 6-4
Navroz Udawadia (C) def. Tom Chicoine (MN) 7-6 (5), 7-6 (4)
Salili Seshadria (C) def. John Cheregi (MN) 4-6, 6-4, 6-2
Matt Schroeder (C) def. Adam Selkirk (MN) 6-3, 6-2
Scott Watnik (C) def. Martin Michaelowski (MN) 6-3, 6-4
Ogidi Obi (C) def. Martin Kristoffersen (MN) 6-4, 6-1

Doubles

Udawadia/Seshadria (C) def. Gabler/Selkirk (MN) 8-3
Chicoine/Kristoffersen (MN) def. Watnik/Obi (C) 9-8
Michalowski/Robin Rutili (MN) def. Chang/Schneider (C) 8-5

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Monday, March 31:

To be determined

Tuesday, April 1:

Head baseball coach **John Anderson**

Wednesday, April 2:

Head football coach **Glen Mason**

Thursday, April 3:

Quarterback **Cory Sauter**

Friday, April 4:

Head gymnastics coach **Fred Roethlisberger**

Saturday-Sunday, April 5-6:

Head tennis coach **David Geatz**

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Wed,
April 2

• **Baseball**

at Creighton Blue Jays
Creighton Sports Complex
KSGS-950 AM, 3 p.m.

Friday,
April 4

• **Baseball**

vs. Michigan Wolverines
Siebert Field
KSGS-950 AM, 3 p.m.

• **Tennis**

vs. Michigan State Spartans
98th Street Racquet Club, 6 p.m.

• **Track**

at Texas Relays
Austin, Texas, All Day

Saturday,
April 5

• **Track**

at Texas Relays
Austin, Texas, All Day

• **Baseball**

vs. Michigan Wolverines (2)
Siebert Field
KSGS-950 AM, 2 p.m.

• **Gymnastics**

at NCAA East Regional
West Point, N.Y., 7 p.m.

Sunday,
April 6

• **Baseball**

vs. Michigan Wolverines
Siebert Field
KSGS-950 AM, 1 p.m.

• **Tennis**

vs. Michigan Wolverines
98th Street Racquet Club, 9 a.m.



GOLF

UP NEXT: The Golden Gophers take a week off before returning to the links April 11-12 when they will travel to Huntington, W.V., for the Marshal Invitational.

GOLFERS FINISH SIXTH AT DR. PEPPER INVITATIONAL:

The University of Minnesota men's golf team finished sixth at the Dr. Pepper Invitational in Pottsboro, Texas. The Golden Gophers finished with a three-round total of 905, 42 strokes behind winner Southern Methodist, which finished an amazing one-under par and 27 strokes ahead of second-place finisher Northwestern.

Big Ten Freshman of the Year candidate **MARTIN LEMESURIER** (South Hampton, England) and sophomore **ANDY KOMOR** (New Brighton, Minn.) were the top finishers for the Golden Gophers with three-round totals of 226, good for a tie for 24th place. The Minnesota pair was 18 strokes off the lead of medalist Hank Kuehne who won the invitational with an eight-under par 208. Junior **ROB KERR** (Pointe Claire, Quebec) and sophomore **BILL THOMPSON** (Wayzata, Minn.) both tied for 32nd with a three-round total of 227. Senior **MARK HALVERSON** (Fargo, N.D.) finished tied for 50th (230), and sophomore **JEFF BARNEY** (Appleton, Minn.) tied for 54th (232).

Minnesota Individual Scores: T24. Martin LeMesurier, Minn., 74-72-80-226. T24. Andy Komor, Minn., 73-78-75-226. T32. Rob Kerr, Minn., 78-73-76-227. T32. Bill Thompson, Minn., 78-73-76-227. T50. Mark Halverson, Minn., 75-78-77-230. T54. Jeff Barney, Minn., 76-75-81-232.

GOLFERS RANKED IN LATEST POLL: The University of Minnesota men's golf team is No. 17 in the latest Rolex Collegiate Rankings with 48.892 points. The Golden Gophers are the highest ranked Big Ten team in the rankings. The University of Nevada-Las Vegas is the top ranked team with 209.540 points.

ROLEX MEN'S TEAM RANKINGS

1. UNLV, 209.540; 2. Oklahoma State, 194.540; 3. TCU, 193.580; 4. Arizona, 167.920; 5. East Tennessee St., 147.200; 6. Wake Forest, 142.180; 7. North Carolina, 139.520; 8. Texas, 125.201; 9. Florida, 114.653; 10. Clemson, 105.608; 11. Arizona State, 103.850; 12. Southern California, 101.373; 13. Georgia Tech, 75.720; 14. Auburn, 72.227; 15. Virginia, 65.830; 16. Brigham Young, 56.840; 17. Minnesota, 48.892; 18. Tulsa, 48.721; 19. SMU, 74.868; 20. New Mexico, 44.920; 21. Mississippi State, 42.200; 22. LSU, 41.800; 23. Ohio State, 41.229; 24. Northwestern, 38.840; 25. Alabama, 37.017.



TENNIS

NETTERS HOST MICHIGAN STATE, MICHIGAN:

The Golden Gophers start off a four-match Big Ten home stand with matches against Michigan State and Michigan this weekend. The Golden Gophers face the Spartans on Friday, April 4 at the 98th Street Racquet Club at 6 p.m. Sunday they will take on the Wolverines at 9 a.m. at the same venue.

GOLDEN GOPHERS LOSE TO PENN STATE:

The University of Minnesota men's tennis team (5-8, 1-3) narrowly lost to Big Ten foe Penn State Saturday morning in State College, Pa. Minnesota won all three doubles matches, but it was not enough as Penn State scored four points on four singles wins. Sophomore **MARTIN KRISTOFFERSEN** (Portsgrunn, Norway) and freshman **MARTIN MICHAELOWSKI** (Ottawa, Ontario, Canada) both picked up the only singles wins of the day for the Golden Gophers.

PENN STATE 4, MINNESOTA 3

Singles

Mike Carter (PSU) def. Ben Gabler (MN) 3-6, 7-6 (4), 6-4
Mike Griesser (PSU) def. Tom Chicoine (MN) 3-6, 6-1, 6-4
Colin Smeeton (PSU) def. Adam Selkirk (MN) 6-5, 6-4
Marc Dorfman (PSU) def. John Cheregi (MN) 5-7, 7-5, 7-6
Martin Michaelowski (MN) def. Eric Meditz (PS) 6-1, 1-6, 6-3
Martin Kristoffersen (MN) def. Tom Schneider (PSU) 6-1, 6-1

Doubles

Gabler/Selkirk (MN) def. Carter/Smeeton (PSU) 8-6
Chicoine/Kristoffersen (MN) def. Griesser/Lee Hecht (PS) 8-4
Michalowski/Robin Rutili (MN) def. Dorfman/Meditz (PS) 8-1

ON THE HORIZON: Minnesota hosts two more Big Ten opponents next week, as the team will take on the Northwestern Wildcats on April 11 and the Wisconsin Badgers on April 12. Both matches are set to begin at 6 p.m. at the 98th Street Racquet Club.



TRACK AND FIELD

1997 TRACK & FIELD SCHEDULE

Indoor Track & Field			
DATE	MEET	PLACE	RESULT/TIME
Jan. 4	Early Bird Open	UM Fieldhouse	No team scores
Jan. 11	Northwest Open	UM Fieldhouse	No team scores
Jan. 18	Badger Track Classic	Madison, Wis.	No team scores
Jan. 25	Minnesota Invite	UM Fieldhouse	No team scores
Manitoba, Drake, Marquette, Iowa			
Jan 31	Mercantile Bank Invite	Cedar Falls, Iowa	5th/37.25 pts.
Feb. 7-8	Iowa State Invitational	Ames, Iowa	No team scores
Feb. 14	Snowshoe Open	UM Fieldhouse	No team scores
Feb. 22-23	Big Ten Indoor Champ.	Iowa City, Iowa	3rd/83.33 pts.
Feb. 28	NCAA Qualifying Meet	Ames, Iowa	No team scores
Mar. 7-8	NCAA Indoor Champ.	Indianapolis, Ind.	T10th/16 pts.
Outdoor Track & Field			
Mar. 28-29	Raleigh Relays	Raleigh, N.C.	No team scores
Apr. 4-5	Texas Relays	Austin, Texas	TBA
Apr. 5	Cyclone Open	Ames, Iowa	TBA
Apr. 11-12	Sea Ray Relays	Knoxville, Tenn.	TBA
Apr. 19	Hawkeye Invitational	Iowa City, Iowa	TBA
Apr. 25-26	Drake Relays	Des Moines, Iowa	TBA
May 3	TBA	Bierman Field	TBA
May 4	Jesse Owens	Columbus, Ohio	TBA
May 10	Minnesota Invitational	Bierman Field	9 a.m.
May 17	Minnesota Last Chance	Bierman Field	TBA
May 23-24	Big Ten Outdoor Champ.	Champaign, Ill.	TBA
June 4-7	NCAA Outdoor Champ.	Bloomington, Ind.	TBA

COMING UP: Minnesota continues its outdoor track and field season at the Texas Relays in Austin, Texas on April 4-5.

MINNESOTA POLE VAULTER SETS NEW MEET RECORD; PROVISIONALLY QUALIFIES FOR NCAAs: Minnesota sophomore pole vaulter **VESA RANTANEN** (Virrat, Finland) set a new meet record at the Raleigh Relays with a vault of 17-3 (5.26m) on March 28. The mark also provisionally qualifies him for the NCAA meet.

Teammate **TYE HARVEY** (Sr., Jamestown, Calif.) finished second to Rantanen in the event with a vault of 16-10 3/4 (5.15m).

SHOT PUTTER PLACES THIRD; PROVISIONALLY QUALIFIES FOR NCAAs: Minnesota junior **CHAD YENCHESKY** (DePere, Wis.) finished third in the shot put at the Raleigh Relays with a toss of 58-4 3/4 (17.80m) on March 29. The mark provisionally qualifies him for the NCAA meet.

Also placing in the top 10 for the Golden Gophers in the shot put were freshman **ADAM REED** (Milwaukee, Wis.) and sophomore **JEFF MARSH** (Seymour, Wis.). Reed finished sixth with a toss of 58-4 3/4 (16.91m), while Marsh placed eighth with a toss of 53-3 3/4 (16.25m).

TWO GOLDEN GOPHERS EARN TOP FIVE FINISHES IN DISCUS THROW: In addition to performing well in the pole vault and shot put, the Golden Gophers also fared well in the discus throw at the Raleigh Relays. Senior **JASON SCHLUETER** (New London, Wis.) placed third in the event with a throw of 177-7 (54.14m). Reed had a throw of 167-4 (51.00m), good for fifth place.

SPRINTER, HURDLER EARN SEVENTH-PLACE FINISHES: Earning seventh place finishes for Minnesota at the Raleigh Relays were **TIM VAN VOORHIS** (Sr., Apple Valley, Minn.) in the 100 meter dash (10.70) and **NILES DENEEN** (Jr., St. Paul, Minn.) in the 110 meter hurdles (14.27).

No team scores were kept at the meet.

GOLDEN GOPHER RESULTS FROM THE RALEIGH RELAYS:

Pole Vault: 1. Vesa Rantanen, Minnesota, 17-3 (5.26m); 2. Tye Harvey, Minnesota, 16-10 3/4 (5.15m).

Discus Throw: 3. Jason Schlueter, Minnesota, 177-7 (54.14m); 5. Adam Reed, Minnesota, 167-4 (51.00m).

Shot Put: 3. Chad Yenchesky, Minnesota, 58-4 3/4 (17.80m)

1997 MINNESOTA PROVISIONAL OUTDOOR QUALIFIERS:

Athlete	Event	Score	Meet
Vesa Rantanen	Pole Vault	17-3 (5.26)	3/28-29
Chad Yenchesky	Shot Put	58-4 3/4 (17.8)	3/28-29



GYMNASTICS

1997 GYMNASTICS SCHEDULE

DATE	MEET	PLACE	SCORE/TIME
Jan. 11	Alumni Meet (ex)	Sports Pavilion	L / 217.925
Jan. 18	Windy City Invite	Chicago, Ill.	7th/211.900
Jan. 31	Iowa	Iowa City, Iowa	L/223.875
Feb. 8	Michigan and Michigan State	Sports Pavilion	W/222.100
Feb. 15	Winter Cup	Battle Creek, Mich.	No team scores
Feb. 22	New Mexico and Santa Barbara	Albuquerque, N.M.	2nd/222.40
Mar. 1	Ohio State	Sports Pavilion	L/228.5-228.725
Mar. 9	Nebraska	Lincoln, Neb.	L/225.15-230.175
Mar. 22-23	Big Ten Champ.	Sports Pavilion	4th/227.45
Mar. 29	Illinois-Chicago	Chicago, Ill.	L/226.05-227.750
Apr. 5	NCAA Regional	West Point, N.Y.	7 p.m.
Apr. 17-19	NCAA Champ.	Iowa City, Iowa	7 p.m.

Bold indicates home meets

EAST REGIONAL UP NEXT: The No. 7 Golden Gophers will travel to the NCAA East Regional in West Point, N.Y., on April 5. The meet, which features the top six teams in the East Region, is set to begin at 7 p.m.

The Big Ten dominates the East Region field with five of the six teams from the league qualifying for the meet (Ohio State, Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota and Penn State). Illinois-Chicago is the only non-Big Ten team that qualified for the East Regionals. Minnesota is 0-3 in dual meet action against teams in the field this season.

MINNESOTA LOSES TO ILLINOIS-CHICAGO:

The University of Minnesota men's gymnastics team finished the regular season with a loss to No. 8 Illinois-Chicago last Saturday in a dual meet in Chicago. The Flames defeated the Golden Gophers by the score of 227.750-226.050.

WALL IS TOP FINISHER IN ALL-AROUND:

Senior co-captain **HEATH WALL** (Sterling Heights, Mich.) was the top finisher in the all-around, taking second with 56.10 total points. Freshman **LINDSEY FANG** (Allentown, Pa.) finished third (55.70).

TICKNOR WINS TWO EVENT TITLES:

Senior co-captain **FRANK TICKNOR** (Milwaukee, Wis.) won two events to lead the Golden Gophers. He and Wall shared the title on the still rings with scores of 9.70. Ticknor also won the vault competition for the first time all season, tying his season-high score of 9.60. Sophomore **JASON KROB** (St. Charles, Mo.) finished second on the pommel horse. Fang and Wall also tied for third on the horizontal bar.

GOLDEN GOPHERS RANKED 12TH: The University of Minnesota men's gymnastics team moved up to 7th by regional qualifying score in the NCAA National Rankings released this week. This is the team's highest ranking of the season, surpassing the No. 8 ranking the team held last week and in the preseason coaches' poll. The Golden Gophers are also ranked fourth in the Eastern Region. All seven teams in the Big Ten are ranked in the nation's top 20 and in the East Region's top 10.

NCAA Team National Rankings – March 31

(by regional qualifying average): 1. Ohio State; 2. Cal Berkeley; 3. Iowa; 4. Oklahoma; 5. Nebraska; 6. Penn State; 7. **Minnesota**; 8. Illinois; 10. New Mexico; 11. Michigan State; 12t. UMass, Stanford; 14. Brigham Young; 15. Temple; 16. Michigan; 17. Navy; 18. Syracuse; 19. William and Mary; 20. Army

NCAA Eastern Region Team Rankings – March 31

(by regional qualifying average): 1. Ohio State; 2. Iowa; 3. Penn State; 4. **Minnesota**; 5. Illinois; 6. Illinois-Chicago; 7. Michigan State; 8. UMass; 9. Temple; 10. Michigan

WALL IS UM'S TOP RANKED GYMNAST:

On the still rings, Heath Wall is tied for 14th in the nation and ninth in the Eastern Region in the rankings by NCAA three-score average. On the pommel horse, sophomore **JASON KROB** (St. Charles, Mo.) is tied for 15th in the nation, 8th in the region. Senior co-captain **FRANK TICKNOR** (Milwaukee, Wis.) is ranked 10th in the region on the rings as well. **GEORGE BEATTY** (Jr., Aberdeen, N.J.) is tied for 20th in the nation and 12th in the region on the pommel horse.

Ticknor is the 14th-ranked all-arounder in the nation and the eighth-ranked gymnast in the Eastern Region. Wall is the 15th-ranked all-arounder in the nation and 9th in the region.

ON THE HORIZON: The top three teams from the East Region will travel to the NCAA Championships in Iowa City April 17-19.

MINNESOTA SEASON BESTS:

Team Score	228.500	vs. Ohio State 3/1/97
Floor Exercise	37.950	at Big Tens 3/22/97
Pommel Horse	38.550	vs. Ohio State 3/1/97
Still Rings	38.500	vs. Ohio State 3/1/97
Vault	37.950	twice (at Big Tens, vs. UIC)
Parallel Bars	38.200	at NM/UCSB 2/22
Horizontal Bar	37.950	vs. Mich/MSU 2/8
Floor Exercise	9.600	Frank Ticknor (at NM/UCSB)
Pommel Horse	9.825	Jason Krob (at Iowa)
Still Rings	9.750	Heath Wall (at NM/UCSB, vs. OSU)
		Frank Ticknor (vs. Ohio State)
Vault	9.600	Frank Ticknor (three times),
		Lindsey Fang (at Big Tens)
Parallel Bars	9.750	George Beatty (vs. Ohio State)
Horizontal Bar	9.650	Heath Wall (vs. Ohio State)
		Dan Boots (vs. Ohio State)
All-Around	57.500	Heath Wall (vs. Ohio State)

AT ILLINOIS-CHICAGO WITH TEMPLE

Team Scores

UIC - 227.750, Minnesota - 226.050, Temple - 223.200
All-Around: 1. Shannon Welker (UIC) 56.150; 2. Heath Wall (MN) 56.100; 3. Lindsey Fang (MN) 55.700

Floor Exercise: 1. Shannon Welker (UIC) 9.850; 2. Kenny Sykes (TEM) 9.650; 3t. Carey Reddick (UIC) and Aaron Vexler (TEM) 9.550

Pommel Horse: 1. Greg Gabel (UIC) 9.750; 2. Jason Krob (MN) 9.650; 3. Jody Liebler (UIC) 9.600

Still Rings: 1t. Frank Ticknor (MN) and Heath Wall (MN) 9.700; 3. Jody Liebler (UIC) 9.550

Vault: 1t. Frank Ticknor (MN) and Darin Gerlach (TEM) 9.600; 3t. Aaron Vexler (TEM) and Jody Liebler (UIC) 9.550

Parallel Bars: 1t. Sean Grosvenor (UIC), Greg Gabel (UIC) and Kenny Sykes (TEM) 9.750

Horizontal Bar: 1. Sean Grosvenor (UIC) 9.750; 2. Carey Reddick (UIC) 9.650; 3t. Lindsey Fang (MN) and Heath Wall (MN) 9.500



SWIMMING AND DIVING

1996-97 SWIMMING & DIVING SCHEDULE

DATE	MEET	RESULT/TIME
Oct. 19	Alumni Meet (Aquatic Center)	Non-Scored
Oct. 26	Intra-squad (Aquatic Center)	G-153.5, M-139.5
Nov. 1	Tar Heel Invitational (Chapel Hill, N.C.)	Non-Scored
Nov. 2	North Carolina (Chapel Hill, N.C.)	W 153-145
Nov. 16	Nebraska (Aquatic Center)	W 175-125
Nov. 22	Minnesota Invite (Aquatic Center)	1st/1,409
Dec. 20	Miami (Miami, Fla.)	W 66-47
Jan. 10	Kansas (Aquatic Center)	W 163-80
Jan. 11	Gold Country Invite (Aquatic Center)	1st/1,221
Jan. 18	Northwestern (Evanston, Ill.)	W 181.5-116.5
Jan. 25	Iowa (Aquatic Center)	W 210-89
Jan. 31	Quad Duals - Purdue & Wisconsin (AC)	2-0
Feb. 14	Minnesota Challenge (Aquatic Center)	NTS
Feb. 27-	Big Ten Championships	2nd
Mar. 1	(Bloomington, Ind)	
Mar. 6	Go-Pher-It Invitational (Aquatic Center)	NTS
Mar. 14	NCAA Diving - Zone Qualifying (AC)	NTS
Mar. 27	NCAA Championships (Aquatic Center)	Noon

ZIELINSKI, BISHOP SHINE AT NCAAS;

GOLDEN GOPHERS PLACE 12TH: The future of the Minnesota Men's Swimming and Diving team looks bright as two underclassman stepped into the spotlight at the 74th NCAA Championships.

Sophomore **MARTIN ZIELINSKI** (Bloomington, Minn.) set a school record in the 100 fly, clocking a 47.00 to place fourth. It is the highest finish by a Minnesota swimmer in that event ever at the NCAAs. His mark bettered the old school mark by .09 seconds, a record he established while winning the Big Ten Championships this year.

Zielinski also swam on Minnesota's 200 and 400 medley relay teams which earned honorable mention All-America status.

Freshman **BILL BISHOP** (Barrington, Ill.) also set two school records en route to an eighth-place finish in the 1650 freestyle. Bishop clocked a 15:10.55 to eclipse the old school mark, held by Scott Hart, by more than two seconds (15:12.97). He also bettered the school 1000 freestyle mark by hitting the wall in 9:09.58, edging Bernie Zeruhn's mark of 9:10.52 by nearly a second.

Bishop also set a personal best in the 500 free, finishing 10th in 4:22.96. Bishop entered the event with the 30th best seed time.

The Golden Gophers placed in a tie for 12th as a team with 109 points. It was the second straight year Minnesota has placed 12th. Auburn won its first team title in commanding fashion, scoring 496.5 points to better Stanford which placed second with 340 points.

Minnesota also got an All-American performance from the

members of its 200 medley relay team, which established a school mark by finishing in 1:27.17. The previous Golden Gopher mark was 1:28.12 set in 1994.

Members of the 200 medley team included **ERIEK HULSEMAN** (Edina, Minn.), **TY BATHURST** (Albuquerque, N.M.), **MATT SCHLESSMAN** (Avon, Ohio), and Zielinski.

ALL FIVE GOLDEN GOPHER RELAYS

PLACE: Led by the fifth-place finish in the 200 medley, all five of the Minnesota relays scored points during the meet. The Golden Gophers placed 10th in the 800 free relay, 11th in the 400 medley relay and 12th in the 200 and 400 free relays.

Senior **MATT SCHLESSMAN** (Avon, Ohio) swam on all five Minnesota relays, giving him one All-America and four Honorable Mention All-America honors. He graduates with a total of 12 All-American performances, all on relays.

MIERI PLACES IN THE 200 FLY: Another Minnesota freshman, **YOAV MIERI** (Jerusalem, Israel), scored for the Golden Gophers, clocking a 1:47.88 to place 15th. He entered the meet with the 19th best seed time.

LENTARIS WITHDRAWS FROM NCAAs: Junior **MANOLIS LENTARIS** (Crete, Greece) was forced to withdraw from the NCAA Championships last week with a bout of the flu. Lentaris, a two-time NCAA All-American (200 and 500 free) as a freshman, had been unable to train since finishing the Big Ten Championships March 1.

It is the second straight year that Lentaris has qualified for the NCAAs but been unable to compete. Last season he suffered a non-swimming injury to his ankle following the Big Ten Championships.

QUOTING COACH DALE: Head Coach **DENNIS DALE** (Minnesota '67) completes his 12th season at the helm of the Golden Gopher program. He has now led the team to a top 12 NCAA finish in each of the last six seasons.

"I was aware that without Manolis it would be a real challenge for us to achieve our season-long goal of placing in the top 10. I didn't want to verbalize that to the team, though. Our guys really responded, and I am very happy with our swims.

"We depend on balance as a team and that shows in the strength of our relays. Depth is really a factor for us.

"Our young swimmers really came through with some big performances. They did a great job."

1997 NCAA SWIMMING & DIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS at Minneapolis, Minn. March 27-29, 1997

Team Scoring: 1. Auburn, 496.5; 2. Stanford, 340; 3. Georgia, 297; 4. Texas, 286; 5. Tennessee, 235.5; 6. Southern California, 235; 7. Michigan, 209; 8. Miami (Fla.), 197; 9. Florida State, 160; 10. SMU, 157; 11. Arizona State, 113; 12T. Minnesota, 109; 12T. Nebraska, 109; 14. Louisiana State, 103; 15. California, 95; 16. Arizona, 84; 17. Florida, 80; 18. Harvard, 75.5; 19. Purdue, 57.5; 20T. Indiana, 55; 20T. Virginia, 55; 22. North Carolina, 45; 23T. Alabama, 40; 23T. Texas A&M, 40; 25. Ohio State, 35; 26. Kentucky, 34; 27. Kansas, 30; 27T.

Villanova, 30; 29. Syracuse, 28; 30. UC Santa Barbara, 26.5; 31. Pittsburgh, 25; 32. Brigham Young, 21.5; 33. Eastern Michigan, 14; 34. Toledo, 12; 35T. Iowa State, 11; 35T. Florida Atlantic, 11; 37. N.C. State, 8; 38. Northwestern, 6; 39. Hawaii, 5; 40. UNLV, 4; 41. Iowa, 3; 42T. New Mexico, 1; 42T. Texas Christian, 1

200 free relay - 1. Auburn (Hawke, Busbee, Ciarla, Shackell), 1:17.54; 12. Minnesota (Bathurst, Rients, Schlessman, Lopez), 1:20.18

500 free - 1. John Piersma, Michigan, 4:15.79; 10. Bill Bishop, Minnesota, 4:22.96

200 IM - 1. Kris Babylon, Georgia, 1:45.19; 27. Jonathan McLeod, Minnesota, 1:49.97; 32. Yoav Mieri, Minnesota, 1:50.24

50 free - 1. Brett Hawke, Auburn, 19.19; 31. Matt Schlessman, Minnesota, 20.25; 32. Jeremy Rients, Minnesota, 20.27; 34T. Ty Bathurst, Minnesota, 20.30; 49. Luis Lopez, Minnesota, 20.88; Note - Neil Walker, Texas, set NCAA and Pool Record with a 19.08 in prelims

1-meter springboard - 1. Rio Ramirez, Miami (Fla.), 610.05; 20. Isaac Bjorklund, Minnesota, 473.15

400 medley relay - 1. Auburn (Bartz, Jerger, Hargis, Newman), 3:08.96 ** Pool Record; 11. Minnesota (Hulseman, Henke, Zielinski, Schlessman), 3:15.25

200 medley relay - 1. Auburn (Bartz, Jerger, Hargis, Hawke) 1:25.40 ** U.S. Open, NCAA, Pool Record; 5. Minnesota (Hulseman, Bathurst, Zielinski, Schlessman), 1:27.17

400 IM - 1. Tom Wilkens, Stanford, 3:45.59; 17. Bill Bishop, Minnesota, 3:53.79; 21. Jonathan McLeod, Minnesota, 3:54.48; 29. Yoav Mieri, Minnesota, 3:57.40

100 fly - 1. Lars Frolander, SMU, 46.28; 4. Martin Zielinski, Minnesota, 47.00; 35. John Cahoy, Minnesota, 49.30

200 free - 1. John Piersma, Michigan, 1:34.88

100 breast - 1. Jeremy Linn, Tennessee, 52.32 ** Pool Record; 22. Mitch Henke, Minnesota, 55.76; 28. Ty Bathurst, Minnesota, 56.00

100 back - 1. Neil Walker, Texas, 45.25

3-meter springboard - 1. Tyce Routson, Miami (Fla.), 643.10; 28. Isaac Bjorklund, Minnesota, 438.00

800 freestyle relay - 1. Michigan (Malchow, Rumley, Reich, Piersma), 6:23.51; 10. Minnesota (Rients, Cahoy, Schlessman, Bishop), 6:33.72

1650 freestyle - 1. Ryk Neethling, Arizona, 14:43.44; 8. Bill Bishop, Minnesota, 15:10.55

200 backstroke - 1. Lenny Krayzelburg, Southern California, 1:41.10 ** Pool Record

100 freestyle - 1. Lars Frolander, Southern Methodist, 42.89; 27T. Matt Schlessman, Minnesota, 44.41; 27T. Jeremy Rients, Minnesota, 44.41; 53. John Cahoy, Minnesota, 45.18; 58. Ty Bathurst, Minnesota, 45.35

200 breaststroke - 1. Jeremy Linn, Tennessee, 1:55.27 ** Pool Record; 22. Mitch Henke, Minnesota, 2:01.89

200 butterfly - 1. Stephen Parry, Florida State, 1:44.28 ** Pool Record; 15. Yoav Meiri, Minnesota, 1:47.88; 20. Martin Zielinski, Minnesota, 1:48.18; 28. Jonathan McLeod, Minnesota, 1:51.12

Platform diving - 1. Tyce Routson, Miami (Fla.), 811.80; 18. Isaac Bjorklund, Minnesota, 387.05

400 freestyle relay - 1. Auburn (Hawke, Tucker, Newman, Shackell), 2:51.23; 12. Minnesota (Rients, Schlessman, Cahoy, Lopez), 2:57.55

Minnesota All-Americans

Ty Bathurst - 5th, 200 medley relay
Bill Bishop - 8th, 1650 free
Eriek Hulseman - 5th, 200 medley relay
Matt Schlessman - 5th, 200 medley relay
Martin Zielinski - 4th, 100 fly; 5th - 200 medley relay

Minnesota Honorable Mention All-Americans

Ty Bathurst - 12th, 200 free relay
Bill Bishop - 10th, 500 free; 10th, 800 free relay
John Cahoy - 10th, 800 free relay; 12th, 400 free relay
Mitch Henke - 11th, 400 medley relay
Eriek Hulseman - 11th, 400 medley relay
Luis Lopez - 12th, 200 free relay; 12th, 400 free relay
Yoav Mieri - 15th, 200 fly
Jeremy Rients - 12th, 200 free relay; 10th 800 free relay; 12th, 400 free relay
Matt Schlessman - 12th, 200 free relay; 11th, 400 medley relay; 10th, 800 free relay; 12th, 400 free relay
Martin Zielinski - 11th, 400 medley relay

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Monday, April 7:
Defensive coordinator **David Gibbs**

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Offensive coordinator **Elliot Uzelac**

Wednesday, April 9:
Head track coach **Phil Lundin**

Thursday, April 10:
Quarterback **Cory Sauter**

Friday, April 11:
Head baseball coach **John Anderson**

Saturday-Sunday, April 12-13:
To be determined

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Beaver Field, University Park, Pa.
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• **Track** at Sea Ray Relays
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• **Golf** at Marshal Invitational
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TENNIS

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NETTERS HOST NORTHWESTERN, WISCONSIN THIS WEEKEND: The Golden Gophers (7-9, 3-3) will be back in competition this weekend as they host Big Ten Conference rivals Northwestern and Wisconsin in matches at 98th Street Club in Bloomington, Minn.. Minnesota will take on the Wildcats at 6 p.m. on Friday, followed by the showdown with the Badgers at 6 p.m. on Saturday.

TEAM BOMBS MICHIGAN STATE AND MICHIGAN: The Golden Gophers appear to be back on course to challenge for another Big Ten championship after disposing of Michigan State and Michigan in matches last weekend at 98th Street Club in Bloomington, Minn. Minnesota defeated MSU 6-1 on Friday evening, then defeated Michigan by the same count in a Sunday morning home match. Match summaries appear below:

Friday, April 4 • 98th Street Club
MINNESOTA 6, MICHIGAN STATE 1
Singles

Lars Hjarrand (MN) def. Trey Eubanks (MSU) 5-7, 6-3, 6-4
Tom Chicoine (MN) def. Aaron Murray (MSU) 6-1, 6-3
Ben Gabler (MN) def. Chris Struck (MSU) 6-4, 6-2
Adam Selkirk (MN) def. Ben Hetzler (MSU) 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 (4)
Ivica Primorac (MSU) def. Martin Michaelowski (MN) 4-6, 7-6 (7), 6-1
John Cheregi (MN) def. Mark Jacobson (MSU) 4-6, 6-3, 6-2

Doubles
Gabler/Hjarrand (MN) def. Struck/Eubanks (MSU) 8-4
Chicoine/Martin Kristoffersen (MN) def. Primorac/Ken Kigongo (MSU) 9-8
Robin Rutili/Michaelowski (MN) def. Hetzler/Francisco Trinidad (MSU) 8-1

Sunday, April 6 • 98th Street Club
MINNESOTA 6, MICHIGAN 1
Singles

Lars Hjarrand (MN) def. Dave Paradzic (MICH) 7-6, 6-1
Ben Gabler (MN) def. Matt Wright (MICH) 6-3, 2-6, 6-4
Tom Chicoine (MN) def. Arvid Swan (MICH) 3-6, 6-4, 6-3
Adam Selkirk (MN) def. William Farah (MICH) 6-3, 6-4
Jake Raiton (MICH) def. John Cheregi (MN) 6-4, 6-7, 7-6
Martin Michaelowski (MN) def. Brad McFarlane (MICH) 6-7, 6-4, 6-2

Doubles
Hjarrand/Gabler (MN) def. Swan/McFarlane (MICH) 9-7
Chicoine/Cheregi (MN) def. Wright/Raiton (MICH) 8-5
Michaelowski/Rutili (MN) def. Paradzic/Miki Pustai (MICH)

WELCOME BACK LARS: Three-time all-Big Ten selection senior **LARS HJARRAND** (Oslo, Norway) returned to the Golden Gopher lineup with a three-set win at number one singles and paired with three-year doubles partner senior Ben Gabler in a convincing 8-4 victory at number one doubles in Friday's win over Michigan State. Hjarrand followed on Sunday with a straight-set win in singles and again paired with Gabler for a doubles win. Hjarrand sat out the fall and winter seasons because he is just three credits shy of graduation, and will be finishing up his degree work during spring quarter. Consequently, the match against the Spartans was the first time this season he was eligible to play with the Golden Gophers.

DOUBLES SUCCESS: The Golden Gophers' doubles tandems have been dominating opponents of late, winning all nine matches in the last three team duals and winning the team doubles point in seven of the last eight matches. Minnesota has won the doubles point in 11 of 16 matches this season.

ON THE HORIZON: Following this weekend's home slate, Minnesota will conclude its Big Ten dual match schedule by travelling to Purdue (April 19) and Illinois (April 20) before heading to East Lansing, Mich., for the Big Ten Tournament from April 24-27.



TRACK AND FIELD

1997 TRACK & FIELD SCHEDULE

Indoor Track & Field			
DATE	MEET	PLACE	RESULT/TIME
Jan. 4	Early Bird Open	UM Fieldhouse	No team scores
Jan. 11	Northwest Open	UM Fieldhouse	No team scores
Jan. 18	Badger Track Classic	Madison, Wis.	No team scores
Jan. 25	Minnesota Invite	UM Fieldhouse	No team scores
	Manitoba, Drake, Marquette, Iowa		
Jan 31	Mercantile Bank Invite	Cedar Falls, Iowa	5th/37.25 pts.
Feb. 7-8	Iowa State Invitational	Ames, Iowa	No team scores
Feb. 14	Snowshoe Open	UM Fieldhouse	No team scores
Feb. 22-23	Big Ten Indoor Champ.	Iowa City, Iowa	3rd/83.33 pts.
Feb. 28	NCAA Qualifying Meet	Ames, Iowa	No team scores
Mar. 7-8	NCAA Indoor Champ.	Indianapolis, Ind.	T10th/16 pts.
Outdoor Track & Field			
Mar. 28-29	Raleigh Relays	Raleigh, N.C.	No team scores
Apr. 4-5	Texas Relays	Austin, Texas	No team scores
Apr. 11-12	Sea Ray Relays	Knoxville, Tenn.	TBA
Apr. 19	Hawkeye Invitational/ Mount San Antonio Relays	Iowa City, Iowa Walnut, Calif.	TBA TBA
Apr. 25-26	Drake Relays	Des Moines, Iowa	TBA
May 3	Gold Country Classic	Bierman Field	TBA
May 4	Jesse Owens	Columbus, Ohio	TBA
May 10	Minnesota Invitational	Bierman Field	9 a.m.
May 17	Minnesota Last Chance	Bierman Field	TBA
May 23-24	Big Ten Outdoor Champ.	Champaign, Ill.	TBA
June 4-7	NCAA Outdoor Champ.	Bloomington, Ind.	TBA

COMING UP: The Minnesota men's track and field team competes at the Sea Ray Relays on April 11-12 in Knoxville, Tenn.

MINNESOTA POLE VAULTER BREAKS SCHOOL RECORD, AUTOMATICALLY QUALIFIES FOR NCAAs AT TEXAS RELAYS:

Minnesota sophomore **VESA RANTANEN** (Virrat, Finland) broke an outdoor school record and automatically qualified for the NCAA meet with a mark of 18-5 1/4 (5.62m) in the pole vault last Saturday at the Texas Relays in Austin, Texas.

Rantanen's vault broke the old Golden Gopher record of 18-4 3/4 (5.61m) set by Martin Eriksson in 1993. Last week Rantanen set a new meet record at the Raleigh Relays in Raleigh, N.C. in the pole vault with a mark of 17-3 (5.26m).

GOLDEN GOPHER HIGH JUMPER FINISHES SECOND AT TEXAS RELAYS, AUTOMATICALLY QUALIFIES FOR NCAAs: Finishing second in the high jump with a mark of 7-4 1/2 (2.25m) at the Texas Relays last Saturday and also automatically qualifying for the NCAA meet was freshman **STEFFAN STRAND** (Upplands-Vasby, Sweden).

The mark is a freshman outdoor school record, breaking Chris Murrell's jump of 7-2 (2.19m) set in 1990.

THREE MINNESOTA TRACK AND FIELD ATHLETES PROVISIONALLY QUALIFY FOR NCAAs AT TEXAS RELAYS: Provisionally qualifying for the NCAA meet at the Texas Relays last weekend were Golden Gopher seniors **JASON SCHLUETER** (New London, Wis.) and **TYE HARVEY** (Jamestown, Calif.) and junior **CHAD YENCHESKY** (DePere, Wis.).

Schlueter provisionally qualified in the discus with a throw of 191-0 (58.22m). The mark placed him fourth in the event at the Texas Relays.

Harvey qualified and finished sixth at the meet in the pole vault with a mark of 17-7 1/4 (5.37m).

Yenchesky qualified in the shot put with a toss of 58-3 1/4 (17.76m), good for third place at the relays.

HURDLER FINISHES IN SEVENTH PLACE

AT TEXAS RELAYS: Junior **NILES DENEEN** (St. Paul, Minn.) placed seventh in the 110-meter high hurdles with a time of 14.59 at the Texas Relays.

No team scores were kept at the meet.

GOLDEN GOPHER RESULTS FROM THE TEXAS RELAYS:

Pole Vault: 1. Vesa Rantanen, Minnesota, 18-5 1/4 (5.62m); 6. Tye Harvey, Minnesota, 17-7 1/4 (5.37m); 11. Seth Mischke, Minnesota, 16-7 1/2 (5.07m).

High Jump: 2. Steffan Strand, Minnesota, 7-4 1/2 (2.25m).

Shot Put: 3. Chad Yenchesky, Minnesota, 58-3 1/4 (17.76m); 12. Jeff Marsh, Minnesota, 54-0 (16.46m).

Discus Throw: 3. Jason Schlueter, Minnesota, 191-0 (58.22m).

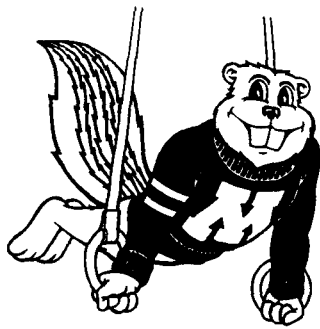
110-Meter Hurdles: 7. Niles Deneen, Minnesota, 14.59.

1997 MINNESOTA AUTOMATIC OUTDOOR QUALIFIERS:

Athlete	Event	Score	Meet
Vesa Rantanen	Pole Vault	18-5 1/4 (5.62)	4/4-5
Steffan Strand	High Jump	7-4 1/2 (2.25)	4/4-5

1997 MINNESOTA PROVISIONAL OUTDOOR QUALIFIERS:

Athlete	Event	Score	Meet
Vesa Rantanen	Pole Vault	17-3 (5.26)	3/28-29
Chad Yenchesky	Shot Put	58-4 3/4 (17.8)	3/28-29
Jason Schlueter	Discus	191-0 (58.22)	4/4-5
Tye Harvey	Pole Vault	17-7 1/4 (5.37)	4/4-5
Chad Yenchesky	Shot Put	58-3 1/4 (17.76)	4/4-5



GYMNASTICS

1997 GYMNASTICS SCHEDULE

DATE	MEET	PLACE	SCORE/TIME
Jan. 11	Alumni Meet (ex)	Sports Pavilion	L / 217.925
Jan. 18	Windy City Invite	Chicago, Ill.	7th/211.900
Jan. 31	Iowa	Iowa City, Iowa	L/223.875
Feb. 8	Michigan and Michigan State	Sports Pavilion	W/222.100
Feb. 15	Winter Cup	Battle Creek, Mich.	No team scores
Feb. 22	New Mexico and Santa Barbara	Albuquerque, N.M.	2nd/222.40
Mar. 1	Ohio State	Sports Pavilion	L/228.5-228.725
Mar. 9	Nebraska	Lincoln, Neb.	L/225.15-230.175
Mar. 22-23	Big Ten Champ.	Sports Pavilion	4th/227.45
Mar. 29	Illinois-Chicago	Chicago, Ill.	L/226.05-227.750
Apr. 5	NCAA Regional	West Point, N.Y.	5th/224.125
Apr. 17-19	NCAA Champ.	Iowa City, Iowa	7 p.m.

Bold indicates home meets

NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS UP NEXT: Three Minnesota gymnasts will travel to the NCAA Championships in Iowa City, Iowa, on April 17-19.

Senior co-captain **FRANK TICKNOR** (Milwaukee, Wis.) tied for fourth on the vault with a career-high score of 9.800. Sophomore **JASON KROB** (St. Charles, Mo.) and junior **GEORGE BEATTY** (Aberdeen, N.J.) both advanced on the pommel horse. Krob took fifth with a score of 9.675, and Beatty placed eighth with a 9.625 on that event.

MINNESOTA FINISHES FIFTH AT EAST REGIONAL: The University of Minnesota men's gymnastics team ended its season this weekend, finishing fifth at the NCAA East Regional late Saturday night in West Point, N.Y., with a team score of 224.125. Defending national champion Ohio State won the competition and will advance to the NCAA Championships along with Iowa and Penn State.

GOLDEN GOPHERS RANKED 7TH: The University of Minnesota men's gymnastics team moved up to 7th by regional qualifying score in the final NCAA National Rankings released last week. This is the team's highest ranking of the season, surpassing the No. 8 ranking the team held last week and in the preseason coaches' poll. The Golden Gophers are also ranked fourth in the Eastern Region. All seven teams in the Big Ten are ranked in the nation's top 20 and in the East Region's top 10.

NCAA Team National Rankings – March 31 (by regional qualifying average): 1. Ohio State; 2. Cal Berkeley; 3. Iowa; 4. Oklahoma; 5. Nebraska; 6. Penn State; 7.

Minnesota; 8. Illinois; 9. Illinois-Chicago; 10. New Mexico; 11. Michigan State; 12t. UMass, Stanford; 14. Brigham Young; 15. Temple; 16. Michigan; 17. Navy; 18. Syracuse; 19. William and Mary; 20. Army

NCAA East Region Team Rankings – March 31 (by regional qualifying average): 1. Ohio State; 2. Iowa; 3. Penn State; 4. Minnesota; 5. Illinois; 6. Illinois-Chicago; 7. Michigan State; 8. UMass; 9. Temple; 10. Michigan

WALL IS UM'S TOP RANKED GYMNAST: On the still rings, Heath Wall is tied for 14th in the nation and ninth in the Eastern Region in the rankings by NCAA three-score average. On the pommel horse, sophomore **JASON KROB** (St. Charles, Mo.) is tied for 15th in the nation, 8th in the region. Senior co-captain **FRANK TICKNOR** (Milwaukee, Wis.) is ranked 10th in the region on the rings as well. **GEORGE BEATTY** (Jr., Aberdeen, N.J.) is tied for 20th in the nation and 12th in the region on the pommel horse.

Ticknor is the 14th-ranked all-arounder in the nation and the eighth-ranked gymnast in the Eastern Region. Wall is the 15th-ranked all-arounder in the nation and 9th in the region.

MINNESOTA SEASON BESTS:

Team Score	228.500	vs. Ohio State 3/1/97
Floor Exercise	37.950	at Big Tens 3/22/97
Pommel Horse	38.550	vs. Ohio State 3/1/97
Still Rings	38.500	vs. Ohio State 3/1/97
Vault	38.350	at East Regional 4/5/97
Parallel Bars	38.200	at NM/UCSB 2/22
Horizontal Bar	37.950	vs. Mich/MSU 2/8

Floor Exercise	9.600	Frank Ticknor (at NM/UCSB)
Pommel Horse	9.825	Jason Krob (at Iowa)
Still Rings	9.750	Heath Wall (at NM/UCSB, vs. OSU) Frank Ticknor (vs. Ohio State)
Vault	9.700	Frank Ticknor (at East Regional)
Parallel Bars	9.750	George Beatty (vs. Ohio State)
Horizontal Bar	9.650	Heath Wall (vs. Ohio State) Dan Boots (vs. Ohio State)
All-Around	57.500	Heath Wall (vs. Ohio State)

RESULTS FROM NCAA EAST REGIONAL

Team Scores: 1. Ohio State – 231.600; 2. Iowa – 230.125; 3. Penn State – 229.225; 4. Illinois – 224.825; 5. Minnesota – 224.125; 6. Illinois-Chicago – 220.000

All-Around: 1. Drew Durbin (OSU) 57.925; 2. Mike Dutka (PSU) 57.725; 3. Lalo Haro (MICH) 57.400; 9. Frank Ticknor (MN) 55.975; 11. Heath Wall (MN) 55.400; 13. Lindsey Fang (MN) 55.150

Floor Exercise: 1. Blaine Wilson (OSU) 9.800; 2. Mike Dutka (PSU) 9.750; 3. Brian Hamilton (IOWA) 9.700; 3t. Chad Conner (MN) 9.350; 27t. Lindsey Fang (MN) 9.250; 38. Heath Wall (MN) 9.000; 40. George Beatty (MN) 8.800; 42. Dan Boots (MN) 8.750

Pommel Horse: 1. Drew Durbin (OSU) 9.850; 2. Ben

Hayward (ARMY) 9.800; 3. Blaine Wilson (OSU) 9.725; 5. Jason Krob (MN) 9.675; 8. George Beatty (MN) 9.625; 16t. Lindsey Fang, Bob Hubbard (MN) 9.450; 25. Frank Ticknor (MN) 9.350; 40. Heath Wall (MN) 8.800

Still Rings: 1. Victor Prisk (MSU) 9.825; 2. Ron Roeder (PSU) 9.800; 3. Tyler Vogt (IOWA) 9.775; 14t. Frank Ticknor (MN) 9.625; 27t. Dan Boots, Heath Wall (MN) 9.350; 37t. Matt Kieffer (MN) 9.050; 41t. Lindsey Fang (MN) 9.000; 46. Mike Mamakos (MN) 8.650

Vault: 1. Blaine Wilson (OSU) 9.825; 2t. Mike Dutka (PSU), Matt Tucker (NAVY) 9.775; 4t. Frank Ticknor (MN) 9.700; 16t. Lindsey Fang (MN) 9.600; 22t. George Beatty (MN) 9.550; 27t. Heath Wall (MN) 9.500; 44. Bob Hubbard (MN) 9.150; 48. Dan Boots (MN) 8.675

Parallel Bars: 1. Blaine Wilson (OSU) 9.875; 2. Mike Dutka (PSU) 9.750; 3. Lalo Haro (MICH) 9.725; 15t. Bob Hubbard (MN) 9.450; 20t. Chad Conner (MN) 9.350; 25t. Lindsey Fang, Heath Wall (MN) 9.250; 41. Frank Ticknor (MN) 8.800

Horizontal Bar: 1. Doug Stibel (OSU) 9.875; 2. Travis Romagnoli (ILL) 9.825; 3t. Drew Durbin, Mike Morgan (OSU) 9.750; 15t. Heath Wall (MN) 9.500; 21t. Frank Ticknor (MN) 9.300; 41. George Beatty (MN) 8.650; 42. Lindsey Fang (MN) 8.600; 43. Bob Hubbard (MN) 8.450; 50. Dan Boots (MN) 7.450



GOLF

UP NEXT: The Golden Gophers travel to Huntington, W.V., for the Marshal Invitational Friday and Saturday.

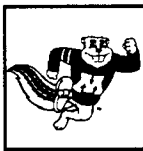
GOLFERS TAKE WEEK OFF: The University of Minnesota men's golf team took last week off. The team was last in action on March 29-30 when it finished sixth at the Dr. Pepper Invitational in Pottsboro, Texas.

Big Ten Freshman of the Year candidate **MARTIN LEMESURIER** (South Hampton, England) and sophomore **ANDY KOMOR** (New Brighton, Minn.) were the top finishers for the Golden Gophers with three-round totals of 226, good for a tie for 24th place

GOLFERS RANKED IN LATEST POLL: The University of Minnesota men's golf team is No. 20 in the latest Rolex Collegiate Rankings with 103.890 points. Ohio State, ranked No. 14 in the poll with 141.053 points, is the only other Big Ten team ranked higher than the Golden Gophers. The University of Nevada-Las Vegas is the top ranked team with 346.397 points.

ROLEX MEN'S TEAM RANKINGS

1. UNLV, 346.397; 2. Oklahoma State, 303.641; 3. TCU, 278.418; 4. Clemson, 226.506; 5. Southern California, 229.886; 6. North Carolina, 220.477; 7. New Mexico, 218.594; 8. Arizona, 217.189; 9. Arizona State, 205.357; 10. Wake Forest, 204.504; 11. Florida, 193.322; 12. East Tennessee State, 191.597; 13. Texas, 187.062; 14. Ohio State, 141.053; 15. Virginia, 136.882; 16. Auburn, 121.290; 17. Mississippi State, 120.429; 18. Georgia Tech, 119.991; 19. BYU, 104.309; 20. Minnesota, 103.890



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Tuesday, April 15:
Junior quarterback **Cory Sauter**

Wednesday, April 16:
Head track and field coach **Phil Lundin**

Thursday, April 17:
Head gymnastics coach **Fred Roethlisberger**

Friday, April 18:
Head baseball coach **John Anderson**

Saturday-Sunday, April 19-20:
Head tennis coach **David Geatz**

Tues.
April 15

• **Baseball** at Iowa State Cyclones
Cap Timm Field
Ames, Iowa
KSGS-950 AM, 3 p.m.

Wed.
April 16

• **Baseball** vs. Creighton Blue Jays (2)
Siebert Field
KSGS-950 AM, 2:30 p.m.

Thurs.
April 17

• **Gymnastics** at NCAA Championships
Carver-Hawkeye Arena
Iowa City Iowa, 7 p.m.

Fri.
April 18

• **Baseball** at Ohio State Buckeyes
Trautman Field, Columbus, Ohio
KSGS-950 AM, 3 p.m.
• **Tennis** at Illinois Fighting Illini
Champaign, Ill., TBD
• **Track** at Mt. San Antonio College Relays
Walnut, Calif., All Day
• **Gymnastics** at NCAA Championships
Carver-Hawkeye Arena
Iowa City Iowa, 7 p.m.

Sat.
April 19

• **Baseball** at Ohio State Buckeyes (2)
Trautman Field, Columbus, Ohio
KSGS-950 AM, 1 p.m.
• **Tennis** at Purdue Boilermakers
West Lafayette, Ind., 1 p.m.
• **Track** at Mt. San Antonio College Relays
Walnut, Calif., All Day
• **Track** at Hawkeye Invitational
Iowa City, Iowa, All Day
• **Gymnastics** at NCAA Championships
Carver-Hawkeye Arena
Iowa City Iowa, 7 p.m.

Sun.
April 20

• **Baseball** at Ohio State Buckeyes
Trautman Field, Columbus, Ohio
KSGS-950 AM, 1 p.m.

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TENNIS

NETTERS TRAVEL TO PURDUE, ILLINOIS

THIS WEEKEND: The Golden Gophers (8-10, 4-4) will be back in competition this weekend as they travel to Purdue on Saturday (1 p.m.) and Illinois on Sunday (2 p.m.) for a pair of Big Ten matches. Minnesota has won three of its last four Big Ten matches as they take aim at a fifth conference title in the last six years. The Big Ten Tournament will be held from April 24-27 on the campus of Michigan State University in East Lansing, Mich.

LOSE TO NORTHWESTERN, REBOUND TO

BLANK WISCONSIN: The Golden Gophers met the buzzsaw of Big Ten play thus far in the 1997 season as the Northwestern Wildcats came to 98th Street Club in Bloomington last Friday evening and defeated the Maroon and Gold by the score of 5-2. Minnesota responded on Saturday evening by dismantling the Wisconsin Badgers by a 7-0 count at 98th Street Club. Results of the matches are listed below:

Friday, April 11
98th Street Club
Bloomington, Minn.

NORTHWESTERN 5, MINNESOTA 2

Singles

Alex Witt (NW) def. Lars Hjarrand (MN) 6-1, 7-5
Marc Silva (NW) def. Tom Chicoine (MN) 7-5, 7-6
Martin Bengtsson (NW) def. Ben Gabler (MN) 7-6, 6-3
Adam Selkirk (MN) def. Ry Tarpley (NW) 6-4, 6-1
Doug Bohaboy (NW) def. Martin Michalowski (MN) 6-4, 3-6, 6-4
Richard Preschern (NW) def. John Cheregi (MN) 4-6, 6-4, 7-6

Doubles

Gabler/Hjarrand (MN) def. Witt/Bengtsson (NW) 9-8
Chicoine/Cheregi (MN) def. Silva/Preschern (NW) 8-6
Tarpley/Bohaboy (NW) def. Michalowski/Robin Rutili (MN) 8-6

Saturday, April 12
98th Street Club
Bloomington, Minn.

MINNESOTA 7, WISCONSIN 0

Singles

Lars Hjarrand (MN) def. Mike Goldstein (WIS) 6-1, 7-5
Tom Chicoine (MN) def. John Thompson (WIS) 6-7, 6-1, 6-3
Ben Gabler (MN) def. David Chang (WIS) 6-4, 4-6, 7-6
Adam Selkirk (MN) def. Jeff Malik (WIS) 7-6, 6-3
Martin Michalowski (MN) def. Adam Schumacher (WIS) 6-4, 7-6
Martin Kristoffersen (MN) def. Tony Peterson (WIS) 6-3, 6-3

Doubles

Hjarrand/Gabler (MN) def. Goldstein/Chang (WIS) 8-5
Chicoine/Selkirk (MN) def. Thompson/Schumacher (WIS) 9-8
Malik/Peterson (WIS) def. Michalowski/Rutili (MN) 8-3

WELCOME BACK LARS: The return of three-time all-Big Ten selection senior **LARS HJARRAND** (Oslo, Norway) to the Golden Gopher lineup has given the team new life heading into the final portion of the season. Hjarrand's return to his spot at number one singles enables the Golden Gophers to have more flexibility with their lineup and allows players to play at least one spot lower in the lineup than they have this season. Hjarrand sat out the fall and winter seasons because he is just three credits shy of graduation, and will be finishing up his degree work during spring quarter. Consequently, the match against the Spartans was the first time this season he was eligible to play with the Golden Gophers.

DOUBLES YOUR PLEASURE: The Golden Gophers' doubles tandems have been dominating opponents of late, winning 13 of 15 showdowns in the last five team duals and winning the team doubles point in nine of the last 10 matches. Minnesota has won the doubles point in 13 of 18 matches this season.

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UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA 1996-97 MEN'S TENNIS RESULTS

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

<i>Singles</i>	<i>Overall</i>	<i>Dual</i>	<i>Tourn.</i>	<i>#1</i>	<i>#2</i>	<i>#3</i>	<i>#4</i>	<i>#5</i>	<i>#6</i>
Lars Hjarrand	2-2	2-2	0-0	2-2					
Ben Gabler	13-18	4-12	9-6	1-9	1-2	2-1			
Adam Selkirk	16-12	9-7	7-5		0-1	4-4	5-2		
Tom Chicoine	24-9	14-6	10-3	3-0	10-6	1-0			
John Cheregi	10-21	4-12	6-9			1-3	2-7	0-1	1-1
Martin Kristoffersen	9-12	5-7	4-5				0-1	0-5	5-1
Tim George	2-4	0-0	2-4						
Martin Michaelowski	19-10	10-5	9-5				1-0	6-4	3-1
Aaron Dvorak	2-6	0-0	2-6						
Robin Rutili	2-6	1-4	1-2						1-4
Team Totals	99-100	49-55	50-45	6-11	11-9	8-8	8-10	6-10	10-7

<i>Doubles</i>	<i>Overall</i>	<i>Dual</i>	<i>Tourn.</i>	<i>#1</i>	<i>#2</i>	<i>#3</i>
Hjarrand/Gabler	4-0	4-0	0-0	4-0		
Gabler/Selkirk	5-11	4-6	1-5	4-6		
Kristoffersen/Michaelowski	2-5	0-1	2-4			0-1
Chicoine/Cheregi	10-9	5-2	5-7		5-2	
Dvorak/George	2-2	0-0	2-2			
Michaelowski/George	1-3	0-0	1-3			
Rutili/Cheregi	1-0	1-0	0-0	1-0		
Selkirk/Chicoine	3-0	3-0	0-0		3-0	
Cheregi/Kristoffersen	1-3	1-3	0-0		1-3	
Chicoine/Michaelowski	0-1	0-1	0-0			0-1
Michaelowski/Rutili	11-4	11-4	0-0			11-4
Gabler/Kristoffersen	1-0	1-0	0-0	1-0		
Chicoine/Kristoffersen	4-0	4-0	0-0		4-0	
Gabler/Chicoine	1-0	1-0	0-0	1-0		
Selkirk/Michaelowski	0-1	0-1	0-0			0-1
Gabler/Cheregi	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1		
Team Totals	46-40	35-19	11-21	11-7	13-5	11-7

CAREER RECORDS

(players with more than one year of competition)

Player	Singles	Doubles	Total S/D Record
Lars Hjarrand	79-41	69-25	148-66
Ben Gabler	92-50	64-41	156-91
Adam Selkirk	36-33	20-26	56-59
Tom Chicoine	49-28	33-30	82-58
John Cheregi	17-33	22-28	39-61
Martin Kristoffersen	31-26	24-23	55-49
Tim George	2-10	4-10	6-20
Robin Rutili	22-18	22-25	44-43



TRACK AND FIELD

1997 TRACK & FIELD SCHEDULE

Indoor Track & Field			
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Apr. 25-26	Drake Relays	Des Moines, Iowa	TBA
May 3	Gold Country Classic	Bierman Field	TBA
May 4	Jesse Owens	Columbus, Ohio	TBA
May 10	Minnesota Invitational	Bierman Field	9 a.m.
May 17	Minnesota Last Chance	Bierman Field	TBA
May 23-24	Big Ten Outdoor Champ.	Champaign, Ill.	TBA
June 4-7	NCAA Outdoor Champ.	Bloomington, Ind.	TBA

COMING UP: The men's track and field team competes at the Mount San Antonio College Relays on April 18-19 in Walnut, Calif. and at the Hawkeye Invitational on April 19 in Iowa City, Iowa.

OBLEMAN, SCHLUETER, YENCHESKY PROVISIONALLY QUALIFY FOR NCAAs:

Minnesota seniors **RICK OBLEMAN** (Regina, Sask.) and **JASON SCHLUETER** (New London, Wis.) and junior **CHAD YENCHESKY** (DePere, Wis.) each provisionally qualified for the NCAA meet at the Sea Ray Relays in Knoxville, Tenn. on April 11-12.

Obleman's time of 8:52.49 in the 3,000 meter steeplechase invite at the Sea Ray Relays provisionally qualified him for the NCAAs. The time was good for third place at the relays.

Yenchesky finished fourth and provisionally qualified for the NCAAs with a mark of 57-9 (17.60m) in the shot put invite at the relays. Yenchesky has provisionally qualified for the NCAA meet three times this outdoor season.

Schlueter's throw of 184-2 (56.14m) in the discus invite provisionally qualified him for the NCAAs. The mark was good for fourth place at the relays. Schlueter has provisionally qualified for the NCAA meet two times this outdoor season.

McCLURE FINISHES THIRD IN 5,000 METER RUN OPEN: Finishing third in the 5,000 meter run open

with a time of 14:53.95 at the Sea Ray Relays last weekend was sophomore **CHARLES McCLURE** (Brookfield, Wis.).

SHOT PUTTERS FINISH TWO-THREE IN SHOT PUT OPEN:

Yenchesky finished second and sophomore teammate **JEFF MARSH** (Seymour, Wis.) placed third in the shot put open at the Sea Ray Relays last weekend. Yenchesky had a throw of 56-8 1/2 (17.28m), while Marsh had a toss of 54-8 1/4 (16.67m).

RESULTS FROM SEA RAY RELAYS:

100 Meter Dash: 18. Tim Van Voorhis, Minnesota, 10.82 w: 1.3; 29. Adam Freed, Minnesota, 11.21 w: -0.7.

800 Meter Run: 18. Ron Hoffner, Minnesota, 1:51.42.

1,500 Meter Run: 22. Nate Clay, Minnesota, 3:53.37.

5,000 Meter Run Open: 3. Charles McClure, Minnesota, 14:53.95; 11. Jeremy Polson, Minnesota, 15:16.53.

110 Meter Hurdles: 6. Niles Deneen, Minnesota, 14.27 w: 2.2; 8. Ben Jensen, Minnesota, 14.32 w: 2.2.

3,000 Meter Steeplechase Invite: 3. Rick Obleman, Minnesota, 8:52.49.

4 x 110 Meter Relay Hurdle: 3. Minnesota, 1:00.14.

1 Meter Sprint Medley: 4. Minnesota, 3:26.50.

Pole Vault Open: 5. Seth Mischke, Minnesota, 16-8 3/4 (5.10m); 6. Ben Jensen, Minnesota, 16-2 3/4 (4.95m).

Shot Put Invite: 4. Chad Yenchesky, Minnesota, 57-9 (17.60m).

Shot Put Open: 2. Chad Yenchesky, Minnesota, 56-8 1/2 (17.28m); 3. Jeff Marsh, Minnesota, 54-8 1/4 (16.67m); 7. Adam Reed, Minnesota, 53-7 3/4 (16.35m).

Discus Throw Open: 5. Adam Reed, Minnesota, 172-6 (52.58m); 6. Chad Yenchesky, Minnesota, 168-0 (51.20m); 15. Jeff Marsh, Minnesota, 157-5 (47.98m).

Discus Throw Invite: 4. Jason Schlueter, Minnesota, 157-5 (47.98m).

Javelin Throw Open: 2. Ben Jensen, Minnesota, 184-10 (56.34m); 4. Jon Anderson, Minnesota, 150-8 (45.92m).

1997 AUTOMATIC OUTDOOR QUALIFIERS:

Athlete	Event	Score	Meet
Vesa Rantanen	Pole Vault	18-5 1/4 (5.62)	4/4-5
Steffan Strand	High Jump	7-4 1/2 (2.25)	4/4-5

1997 PROVISIONAL OUTDOOR QUALIFIERS:

Athlete	Event	Score	Meet
Vesa Rantanen	Pole Vault	17-3 (5.26)	3/28-29
Chad Yenchesky	Shot Put	58-4 3/4 (17.8)	3/28-29
Jason Schlueter	Discus	191-0 (58.22)	4/4-5
Tye Harvey	Pole Vault	17-7 1/4 (5.37)	4/4-5
Chad Yenchesky	Shot Put	58-3 1/4 (17.76)	4/4-5
Rick Obleman	3,000 m Steeplechase	8:52.49	4/11-12
Chad Yenchesky	Shot Put	57-9 (17.60m)	4/11-12
Jason Schlueter	Discus	184-2 (56.14m)	4/11-12



GYMNASTICS

1997 GYMNASTICS SCHEDULE

DATE	MEET	PLACE	SCORE/TIME
Jan. 11	Alumni Meet (ex)	Sports Pavilion	L / 217.925
Jan. 18	Windy City Invite	Chicago, Ill.	7th/211.900
Jan. 31	Iowa	Iowa City, Iowa	L/223.875
Feb. 8	Michigan and Michigan State	Sports Pavilion	W/222.100
Feb. 15	Winter Cup	Battle Creek, Mich.	No team scores
Feb. 22	New Mexico and Santa Barbara	Albuquerque, N.M.	2nd/222.40
Mar. 1	Ohio State	Sports Pavilion	L/228.5-228.725
Mar. 9	Nebraska	Lincoln, Neb.	L/225.15-230.175
Mar. 22-23	Big Ten Champ.	Sports Pavilion	4th/227.45
Mar. 29	Illinois-Chicago	Chicago, Ill.	L/226.05-227.750
Apr. 5	NCAA Regional	West Point, N.Y.	5th/224.125
Apr. 17-19	NCAA Champ.	Iowa City, Iowa	7 p.m.

Bold indicates home meets

NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS UP NEXT: Three Minnesota gymnasts will travel to the NCAA Championships in Iowa City, Iowa, on April 17-19.

Senior co-captain **FRANK TICKNOR** (Milwaukee, Wis.) tied for fourth on the vault with a career-high score of 9.800. Sophomore **JASON KROB** (St. Charles, Mo.) and junior **GEORGE BEATTY** (Aberdeen, N.J.) both advanced on the pommel horse. Krob took fifth with a score of 9.675, and Beatty placed eighth with a 9.625 on that event.

MINNESOTA FINISHES FIFTH AT EAST

REGIONAL: The University of Minnesota men's gymnastics team ended its season on April 5, finishing fifth at the NCAA East Regional in West Point, N.Y., with a team score of 224.125. Defending national champion Ohio State won the competition and advances to the NCAA Championships along with Iowa and Penn State.

GOLDEN GOPHERS RANKED 7TH:

The University of Minnesota men's gymnastics team moved up to 7th by regional qualifying score in the final NCAA National Ranking. This is the team's highest ranking of the season, surpassing the No. 8 ranking the team held in the March 24th poll and in the preseason coaches' poll. The Golden Gophers also finished ranked fourth in the Eastern Region. All seven teams in the Big Ten are ranked in the nation's top 20 and in the East Region's top 10.

NCAA Team National Rankings – March 31 (by regional qualifying average): 1. Ohio State; 2. Cal Berkeley; 3. Iowa; 4. Oklahoma; 5. Nebraska; 6. Penn State; 7.

Minnesota; 8. Illinois; 9. Illinois-Chicago; 10. New Mexico; 11. Michigan State; 12. UMass, Stanford; 14. Brigham Young; 15. Temple; 16. Michigan; 17. Navy; 18. Syracuse; 19. William and Mary; 20. Army

NCAA East Region Team Rankings – March 31 (by regional qualifying average): 1. Ohio State; 2. Iowa; 3. Penn State; 4. Minnesota; 5. Illinois; 6. Illinois-Chicago; 7. Michigan State; 8. UMass; 9. Temple; 10. Michigan

WALL IS UM'S TOP RANKED GYMNAST: On the still rings, Heath Wall is tied for 14th in the nation and ninth in the Eastern Region in the final NCAA rankings. On the pommel horse, sophomore **JASON KROB** (St. Charles, Mo.) is tied for 15th in the nation, eighth in the region. Senior co-captain **FRANK TICKNOR** (Milwaukee, Wis.) is ranked 10th in the region on the rings as well. **GEORGE BEATTY** (Jr., Aberdeen, N.J.) is tied for 20th in the nation and 12th in the region on the pommel horse.

Ticknor is the 14th-ranked all-arounder in the nation and the eighth-ranked gymnast in the Eastern Region. Wall is the 15th-ranked all-arounder in the nation and 9th in the region.

MINNESOTA SEASON BESTS:

Team Score	228.500	vs. Ohio State 3/1/97
Floor Exercise	37.950	at Big Tens 3/22/97
Pommel Horse	38.550	vs. Ohio State 3/1/97
Still Rings	38.500	vs. Ohio State 3/1/97
Vault	38.350	at East Regional 4/5/97
Parallel Bars	38.200	at NM/UCSB 2/22
Horizontal Bar	37.950	vs. Mich/MSU 2/8
Floor Exercise	9.600	Frank Ticknor (at NM/UCSB)
Pommel Horse	9.825	Jason Krob (at Iowa)
Still Rings	9.750	Heath Wall (at NM/UCSB, vs. OSU) Frank Ticknor (vs. Ohio State)
Vault	9.700	Frank Ticknor (at East Regional)
Parallel Bars	9.750	George Beatty (vs. Ohio State)
Horizontal Bar	9.650	Heath Wall (vs. Ohio State) Dan Boots (vs. Ohio State)
All-Around	57.500	Heath Wall (vs. Ohio State)



GOLF

GOPHERS SEVENTH AT MARSHALL

INVITATIONAL: The Golden Gophers finished in a tie for seventh at the Marshall Invitational in Huntington, W. Va., last weekend. Minnesota fired a 301-299-296 for a three-round score of 896. Sophomore **BILL THOMPSON** (Wayzata, Minn.) led the team with a eighth-place finish which is a career high for him. He carded a score of 219 with rounds of 75, 71 and 73.

GOLFERS TAKE TWO WEEKS OFF: The University of Minnesota men's golf team will take two weeks off and prepare for the Kent Invitational on May 2-3 in Ravenna, Ohio. The tournament is very crucial to the team's NCAA Tournament chances with the District IV rankings coming out following that weekend.

GOLFERS RANKED 20TH IN LATEST POLL:

The University of Minnesota men's golf team is No. 20 in the latest Rolex Collegiate Rankings with 103.890 points. Ohio State, ranked No. 14 in the poll with 141.053 points, is the only other Big Ten team ranked higher than the Golden Gophers. The University of Nevada-Las Vegas is the top ranked team with 346.397 points.

ROLEX MEN'S TEAM RANKINGS

1. UNLV, 346.397; 2. Oklahoma State, 303.641; 3. TCU, 278.418; 4. Clemson, 226.506; 5. Southern California, 229.886; 6. North Carolina, 220.477; 7. New Mexico, 218.594; 8. Arizona, 217.189; 9. Arizona State, 205.357; 10. Wake Forest, 204.504; 11. Florida, 193.322; 12. East Tennessee State, 191.597; 13. Texas, 187.062; 14. Ohio State, 141.053; 15. Virginia, 136.882; 16. Auburn, 121.290; 17. Mississippi State, 120.429; 18. Georgia Tech, 119.991; 19. BYU, 104.309; 20. Minnesota, 103.890

MARSHALL INVITATIONAL RESULTS: Listed below are the final results from the Marshall Invitational.

Team Results

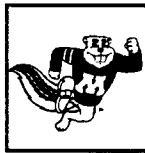
1. Northwestern, 289/286/293=868
2. Ohio State, 295/289/289=873
3. Indiana, 288/291/296=875
4. Miami of Ohio, 301/294/290=885
5. Michigan, 298/294/295=887
6. Kent, 297/299/296=892
7. Minnesota, 301/299/296=896
7. Eastern Kentucky, 296/304/296=896

9. Kentucky, 304/295/304=903
10. Toledo, 305/295/304=904
- Ball State, 299/305/300=904
12. Michigan State, 302/302/310=914
13. Marshall, 310/302/305=917
14. Louisville, 317/303/303=923
15. Wisconsin, 312/304/308=924
16. Illinois, 311/317/312=940
17. Ohio, 322/314/315=945
18. Murray St., 321/314/415=950

Individual Results (Top 10 plus Gophers)

1. Scott Rowe, NW, 69/67/74=210
2. Chris Wollman, OSU, 69/71/71=211
3. Don Padgett III, Indiana, 68/69/75=212
4. Randy Leen, Indiana, 72/74/70=216
5. Kyle Voska, Miami, 76/72/70=218
- Maarten van den Berg, Miami, 75/71/72=218
- Matt Seppanen, Northwestern, 73/73/72=218
8. Didier deVooght, OSU, 73/72/74=219
- Bill Thompson, Minn., 75/71/73=219
- Adam Anderson, Michigan, 73/73/73=219
- Other Gophers:** T15th, Mark Halverson, 75/75/72=222, T27, Rob Kerr, 75/77/73=225, T59th, 76/78/78=232, T73rd, 80/76/80=236

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Gopher Hotline

The Golden Gopher Hotline features daily interviews with players and coaches. It is available to the media 24 hours a day by calling (612) 625-7887. The hotline is broadcast quality and is changed by noon each day. This service is for media use only. The schedule for this week is as follows:

Monday, April 21:

Senior tennis player **Lars Hjarrand**

Tuesday, April 22:

Head track and field coach **Phil Lundin**

Wednesday, April 23:

Senior infielder **Eric Welter**

Thursday, April 24:

Freshman high jumper **Staffan Strand**

Friday, April 25:

Head tennis coach **David Geatz**

Saturday-Sunday, April 26-27:

Head football coach **Glen Mason** post-Spring Game comments

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This Week in Gopher Sports

Tues.
April 22

• Baseball

at Northern Iowa Panthers
Riverfront Stadium
Cedar Falls, Iowa
KSGS-950 AM, 2 p.m.

Wed.
April 23

• Baseball

vs. Southwest State
Siebert Field
KSGS-950 AM, 6 p.m.

Thurs.
April 24

• Tennis

at Big Ten Championships
East Lansing, Mich., TBD

Fri.
April 25

• Baseball

vs. Illinois Fighting Illini
Siebert Field
KSGS-950 AM, 6:30 p.m.

• Tennis

at Big Ten Championships
East Lansing, Mich., TBD

• Track

at Drake Relays
Des Moines, Iowa, All Day

Sat.
April 26

• Baseball

vs. Illinois Fighting Illini (2)
Siebert Field
KSGS-950 AM, 2 p.m.

• Tennis

Game 1- Midwest Sports Channel
at Big Ten Championships
East Lansing, Mich., TBD

• Track

at Drake Relays
Des Moines, Iowa, All Day

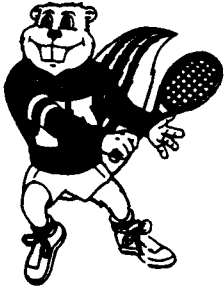
Sun.
April 27

• Baseball

vs. Illinois Fighting Illini
Siebert Field
KSGS-950 AM, 1 p.m.

• Tennis

at Big Ten Championships
East Lansing, Mich., TBD



TENNIS

NETTERS TRAVEL TO BIG TEN TOURNAMENT THIS WEEKEND: The Golden Gophers (8-12, 4-4) will be back in competition this weekend as they travel to East Lansing, Mich., for the 1997 Big Ten Tournament. The four-day event (Thursday through Sunday) will be held at the MSU Tennis Facility on the campus of Michigan State University. Minnesota will be attempting to capture its fifth Big Ten crown in the last six seasons, as the Golden Gophers had won four straight titles from 1992-95 before Michigan wrestled the champion label from the Maroon and Gold last season.

FIRST OPPONENT— PURDUE: The No. 7 seed Golden Gophers will begin tournament play on Friday when they take on the No. 2 seed Purdue Boilermakers in the second quarterfinal matchup. Tournament action gets under way at 1 p.m., and the Golden Gophers' match should start at approximately 4 p.m.

SERIES VS. PURDUE: Minnesota holds a 32-5 all-time advantage over Purdue. The Boilermakers defeated the Golden Gophers in the only matchup this season by the score of 4-3 on Saturday.

MINNESOTA CLOSES OUT REGULAR SEASON WITH LOSSES TO BOILERMAKERS AND ILLINI: The University of Minnesota men's tennis team (8-11 overall, 4-5 Big Ten) was defeated by Purdue (15-5 overall, 7-2 Big Ten) by the score of 4-3 on Saturday afternoon in a Big Ten conference dual match at West Lafayette, Ind.

The two teams split the six singles matches before the Boilermakers claimed all three doubles bouts to win the decisive point and the match. Senior **BEN GABLER** (Chambersburg, Pa.) and sophomores **TOM CHICOINE** (Neenah, Wis.) and **ADAM SELKIRK** (St. Charles, Mo.) all won matches in straight sets for the Golden Gophers. Number five singles proved to be the deciding factor in the match, as the Boilermakers' Greg Wessenberg edged Golden Gopher freshman **MARTIN MICHAELOWSKI** (7-6, 2-6, 6-4) in a tight, three-set contest.

Before Saturday's setback, the Golden Gophers had won the doubles point in their last five team contests and had claimed 13 of the last 15 doubles matches in team dual competition.

Saturday, April 19
West Lafayette, Ind.

PURDUE 4, MINNESOTA 3

Singles

Jamie Gordon (PU) def. Lars Hjarrand (MN) 6-3, 7-6
Ben Gabler (MN) def. Derek Myers (PU) 6-3, 6-4
Tom Chicoine (MN) def. Cris James (PU) 7-6, 6-1
Adam Selkirk (MN) def. Jerad Harbaugh (PU) 6-3, 7-6
Greg Wessenberg (PU) def. Martin Michaelowski (MN) 7-6, 2-6, 6-4
Bryan Harris (PU) def. Martin Kristoffersen (MN) 6-4, 6-7, 6-0

Doubles

James/Myers (PU) def. Gabler/Hjarrand (MN) 8-3
Gordon/Harbaugh (PU) def. Chicoine/Selkirk (MN) 8-4
Harris/Jason Smith (PU) def. Robin Rutili/Michalowski (MN) 8-6

The Golden Gophers (8-12 overall, 4-6 Big Ten) were defeated by Illinois (15-9 overall, 7-3 Big Ten) by the score of 5-1 on Sunday afternoon in a Big Ten conference dual match in Champaign, Ill.

The Fighting Illini dominated singles play in the match winning five of six duals, all in straight-set fashion. Minnesota's only point came at number five singles, where freshman **MARTIN MICHAELOWSKI** (Ottawa, Ontario, Canada) downed Illinois' Jakub Tepy in three sets (3-6, 7-6, 6-3). The Golden Gophers' number one doubles tandem of **LARS HJARRAND** (Oslo, Norway) and **BEN GABLER** (Chambersburg, Pa.) also pulled out an 8-4 win over Jerry Turek and Cary Franklin, but the doubles point was left undecided at one match each due to Minnesota's travel plans.

Sunday, April 20
Champaign, Ill.

ILLINOIS 5, MINNESOTA 1

Singles

Cary Franklin (ILL) def. Lars Hjarrand (MN) 7-5, 6-2
Gavin Sontag (ILL) def. Tom Chicoine (MN) 6-4, 6-1
Jerry Turek (ILL) def. Ben Gabler (MN) 6-4, 6-3
Oliver Freelove (ILL) def. Adam Selkirk (MN) 6-4, 6-3
Martin Michaelowski (MN) def. Jakub Tepy (ILL) 3-6, 7-6, 6-3
Jeff Laski (ILL) def. Martin Kristoffersen (MN) 6-4, 7-6

Doubles

Gabler/Hjarrand (MN) def. Turek/Franklin (ILL) 8-4
Chicoine/Selkirk (MN) vs. Snyder/Laski (ILL) did not finish
Freelove/Schwartz (ILL) def. Robin Rutili/Michaelowski (MN) 9-8

ON THE HORIZON: Depending on the outcome of this weekend's Big Ten Tournament, Minnesota may or may not have the opportunity to defend its NCAA Region IV Championship from a year ago. It appears that the Golden Gophers will need to win the conference tournament to secure a bid into the six-team field. The regional will be held from May 9-11 on the campus of Notre Dame University in South Bend, Ind.



TRACK AND FIELD

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Apr. 11-12	Sea Ray Relays	Knoxville, Tenn.	No team scores
Apr. 19	Hawkeye Invitational/ Mount San Antonio Relays	Iowa City, Iowa Walnut, Calif.	No team scores No team scores
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June 4-7	NCAA Outdoor Champ.	Bloomington, Ind.	TBA

NEXT: The Minnesota men's track and field team competes at the Drake Relays on April 25-26 in Des Moines, Iowa.

JENSEN BREAKS SCHOOL RECORD, AUTOMATICALLY QUALIFIES FOR NCAAs AT MT. SAC RELAYS:

Minnesota sophomore **BENJAMIN JENSEN** (Mandal, Norway) broke an outdoor school record and automatically qualified for the NCAA meet with 7,669 points in the decathlon last Friday at the Mt. Sac Relays in Walnut, Calif. Jensen's point total ranks No. 2 all-time in the Big Ten. He broke his own school record of 7,590 points which he set last year.

HARVEY AUTOMATICALLY QUALIFIES FOR NCAAs AT MT. SAC RELAYS IN POLE VAULT:

Senior **TYE HARVEY** (Jamestown, Calif.) finished seventh and automatically qualified for the NCAA meet with a vault of 18-1 1/4 (5.52m) in the pole vault last weekend at the Mt. Sac Relays in Walnut, Calif. Harvey is the fourth Golden Gopher to automatically qualify for the NCAA meet.

ANDERSON PACES TEAM AT IOWA INVITE:

Freshman **CHRIS ANDERSON** (Chisago City, Minn.) placed second in the 3,000 meter run with a time of 8:41.5 to lead the

Golden Gophers at Saturday's Hawkeye Invitational in Iowa City, Iowa.

4 x 400 METER RELAY TEAM FINISHES

SECOND AT HAWKEYE INVITE: Minnesota's 4 x 400 meter relay team finished second at the Iowa Invitational in Iowa City, Iowa on Saturday with a clocking of 3:18.23.

There were no team points kept in the competition.

RESULTS FROM THE MT. SAC RELAYS:

Decathlon: 1. Benjamin Jensen, Minn., 7,669 points.

Pole Vault: 7. Tye Harvey, Minn., 18-1 1/4 (5.52m)

Shot Put: 7. Chad Yenchesky, Minn., 55-7 1/2 (16.95m)

Discus: 12. Jason Schlueter, Minn., 178-6 (54.40m)

RESULTS FROM THE HAWKEYES INVITE:

100m Dash: 6. Scott Beadle, Minnesota, 10.8.

110m Hurdles: 3. Aaron Wheatcraft, Minn., 14.90.

200m Dash: 6. Scott Beadle, Minnesota, 21.96; 8. Adam Freed, Minnesota, 22.21.

800m Run: 3. Sam Severin, Minnesota, 1:58.41.

3,000m Run: 2. Chris Anderson, Minnesota, 8:41.5; 3. Todd Landraff, Minnesota, 8:43.6; 5. Tony Riter, Minnesota, 8:51.3.

4 x 400 Relay: 2. Minnesota, 3:18.23.

Discus: 6. Justin Asher, Minn., 143-5 (43.72m).

Shot Put: 3. Adam Reed, Minn., 54-7 1/2 (16.65m); 5. Justin Asher, Minn., 52-10 (16.10m)

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Staffan Strand	High Jump	7-4 1/2 (2.25)	4/4-5
Benjamin Jensen	Decathlon	7,669 points	4/18
Tye Harvey	Pole Vault	18-1 1/4	4/20

1997 MINNESOTA PROVISIONAL OUTDOOR QUALIFIERS:

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Vesa Rantanen	Pole Vault	17-3 (5.26)	3/28-29
Chad Yenchesky	Shot Put	58-4 3/4 (17.8)	3/28-29
Jason Schlueter	Discus	191-0 (58.22)	4/4-5
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GYMNASTICS

1997 GYMNASTICS SCHEDULE

DATE	MEET	PLACE	SCORE/TIME
Jan. 11	Alumni Meet (ex)	Sports Pavilion	L / 217.925
Jan. 18	Windy City Invite	Chicago, Ill.	7th/211.900
Jan. 31	Iowa	Iowa City, Iowa	L/223.875
Feb. 8	Michigan and Michigan State	Sports Pavilion	W/222.100
Feb. 15	Winter Cup	Battle Creek, Mich.	No team scores
Feb. 22	New Mexico and Santa Barbara	Albuquerque, N.M.	2nd/222.40
Mar. 1	Ohio State	Sports Pavilion	L/228.5-228.725
Mar. 9	Nebraska	Lincoln, Neb.	L/225.15-230.175
Mar. 22-23	Big Ten Champ.	Sports Pavilion	4th/227.45
Mar. 29	Illinois-Chicago	Chicago, Ill.	L/226.05-227.750
Apr. 5	NCAA Regional	West Point, N.Y.	5th/224.125
Apr. 17-19	NCAA Champ.	Iowa City, Iowa	No team results

Bold indicates home meets

GYMNASTS FINISH SEASON AT NCAAS: Three Minnesota gymnasts finished the 1997 season at the NCAA Championships in Iowa City, Iowa, on Thursday, April 17.

Senior co-captain **FRANK TICKNOR** (Milwaukee, Wis.), sophomore **JASON KROB** (St. Charles, Mo.) and junior **GEORGE BEATTY** (Aberdeen, N.J.) all competed in the event preliminaries but did not advance to the event finals.

Ticknor scored a 9.350 on the vault, Beatty scored a 9.650 on the pommel horse and Krob turned in a 9.625 on the pommel horse. Their scores were not good enough to advance them to the individual event finals on Saturday. The top eight individuals in each event qualified for the event finals.

GOLDEN GOPHERS RANKED 7TH: The University of Minnesota men's gymnastics team moved up to seventh by regional qualifying score in the final NCAA National Ranking. This is the team's highest ranking of the season, surpassing the No. 8 ranking the team held in the March 24th poll and in the preseason coaches' poll. The Golden Gophers ranked fourth in the Eastern Region. All seven teams in the Big Ten are ranked in the nation's top 20 and in the region's top 10.

NCAA Team National Rankings – March 31 (by regional qualifying average): 1. Ohio State; 2. Cal Berkeley; 3. Iowa; 4. Oklahoma; 5. Nebraska; 6. Penn State; 7. **Minnesota**; 8. Illinois; 9. Illinois-Chicago; 10. New Mexico; 11. Michigan State; 12t. UMass, Stanford; 14. Brigham Young; 15. Temple; 16. Michigan; 17. Navy; 18. Syracuse; 19. William and Mary; 20. Army

NCAA East Region Team Rankings – March 31 (by regional qualifying average): 1. Ohio State; 2. Iowa; 3. Penn State; 4. **Minnesota**; 5. Illinois; 6. Illinois-Chicago; 7. Michigan State; 8. UMass; 9. Temple; 10. Michigan

WALL IS UM'S TOP RANKED GYMNAST: On the still rings, Heath Wall tied for 14th in the nation and ninth in the Eastern Region in the final NCAA rankings. On the pommel horse, sophomore **JASON KROB** (St. Charles, Mo.) tied for 15th in the nation, eighth in the region. Senior co-captain **FRANK TICKNOR** (Milwaukee, Wis.) ranked 10th in the region on the rings as well. **GEORGE BEATTY** (Jr., Aberdeen, N.J.) tied for 20th in the nation and 12th in the region on the pommel horse.

Ticknor finished as the 14th-ranked all-arounder in the nation and the eighth-ranked gymnast in the Eastern Region. Wall was the 15th-ranked all-arounder in the nation and 9th in the region.

MINNESOTA SEASON BESTS:

Team Score	228.500	vs. Ohio State 3/1/97
Floor Exercise	37.950	at Big Tens 3/22/97
Pommel Horse	38.550	vs. Ohio State 3/1/97
Still Rings	38.500	vs. Ohio State 3/1/97
Vault	38.350	at East Regional 4/5/97
Parallel Bars	38.200	at NM/UCSB 2/22
Horizontal Bar	37.950	vs. Mich/MSU 2/8

Floor Exercise	9.600	Frank Ticknor (at NM/UCSB)
Pommel Horse	9.825	Jason Krob (at Iowa)
Still Rings	9.750	Heath Wall (at NM/UCSB, vs. OSU) Frank Ticknor (vs. Ohio State)
Vault	9.700	Frank Ticknor (at East Regional)
Parallel Bars	9.750	George Beatty (vs. Ohio State)
Horizontal Bar	9.650	Heath Wall (vs. Ohio State) Dan Boots (vs. Ohio State)
All-Around	57.500	Heath Wall (vs. Ohio State)

NCAA Championships — Event Preliminaries
Iowa City, Iowa – April 17

Floor Exercise: 1. Brian Hamilton (Iowa) 9.875; 2t. Andy Howard (Okla.) 9.850; 2t. Jeremy Killen (Okla.) 9.850

Pommel Horse: 1t. Drew Durbin (Ohio State) 9.825; 1t. K. Schiess (Group 1) 9.825; 3t. Blaine Wilson (Ohio State) 9.800; 3t. Marshall Nelson (Group 3) 9.800; **16t. George Beatty (Minn.) 9.650; 21t. Jason Krob (Minn.) 9.625**

Still Rings: 1. Dan Fink (Oklahoma) 9.875; 2. Victor Prisk (Michigan St.) 9.850; 3t. Jerebecherski (Cal.) 9.825; 3t. Blaine Wilson (Ohio State) 9.825; 3t. Lateef Crowder (Group 1) 9.825

Vault: 1. Blaine Wilson (Ohio St.) 9.850; 2t. Marshall Nelson (Group 2) 9.775; 2t. Matt Tucker (Group 4) 9.775; 2t. Travis Romagnoli (Ill.) 9.775; **40t. Frank Ticknor (Minn.) 9.350**

Horizontal Bar: 1. Marshall Nelson 9.8 (Group 2); 2. Trent Wells 9.850 (California) 3. Jerebecherski 9.825 (California)

Parallel Bars Standings:

1. Greg McGlaun 9.800 (Mich.); 2t. Oleg Kosyak 9.775 (Cal.)
2t. David Kruse 9.775 (Cal.); 2t. Travis Romagnoli 9.775 (Ill.)



GOLF

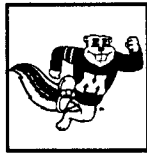
GOLFERS TAKE TWO WEEKS OFF: The University of Minnesota men's golf team will take two weeks off and prepare for the Kent Invitational on May 2-3 in Ravenna, Ohio. The tournament is very crucial to the team's NCAA Tournament chances with the District IV rankings coming out following that weekend.

GOLFERS RANKED 20TH IN LATEST POLL: The University of Minnesota men's golf team is No. 20 in the latest Rolex Collegiate Rankings with 103.890 points. Ohio State, ranked No. 14 in the poll with 141.053 points, is the only other Big Ten team ranked higher than the Golden Gophers. The University of Nevada-Las Vegas is the top ranked team with 346.397 points.

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Gopher Hotline

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Monday, May 5
Freshman golfer **Martin Le Mesurier**

Tuesday, May 6:
Head golf coach **John Means**

Wednesday, May 7:
Head tennis coach **David Geatz**

Thursday, May 8:
Senior tennis player **Lars Hjarrand**

Friday, May 9:
Head baseball coach **John Anderson**

Saturday-Sunday, May 10-11:
Baseball player TBA with post-Northwestern comments

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This Week in Gopher Sports

Wed,
MAY 7

• **Baseball** vs. St. Johns
Siebert Field, 7 p.m.

Thurs,
MAY 8

• **Baseball** vs. St. Thomas
Siebert Field, 6:30 p.m.

Fri,
MAY 9

• **Baseball** vs. Northwestern Wildcats
Siebert Field
KSGS-950 AM, 6:30 p.m.
• **Golf** at Big Ten Championships
Columbus, Ohio, 9 a.m.
• **Tennis** vs. Purdue Boilermakers
at NCAA District IV Tournament
Atkins Tennis Center
Champaign, Ill., 7 a.m.

Sat,
MAY 10

• **Baseball** vs. Northwestern Wildcats (2)
Siebert Field
Game 1 — Midwest Sports Channel
KSGS-950 AM, 2 p.m.
• **Golf** at Big Ten Championships
Columbus, Ohio, 10 a.m.
• **Tennis** at NCAA District IV Tournament
Atkins Tennis Center
Champaign, Ill., All Day
• **Track** Minnesota Invitational
Bierman Field, 7 a.m.

Sun,
MAY 11

• **Baseball** vs. Northwestern Wildcats
Siebert Field
Midwest Sports Channel
KSGS-950 AM, 1 p.m.
• **Golf** at Big Ten Championships
Columbus, Ohio, 7 a.m.
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Champaign, Ill., All Day



TRACK AND FIELD

1997 TRACK & FIELD SCHEDULE

Indoor Track & Field			
DATE	MEET	PLACE	RESULT/TIME
Jan. 4	Early Bird Open	UM Fieldhouse	No team scores
Jan. 11	Northwest Open	UM Fieldhouse	No team scores
Jan. 18	Badger Track Classic	Madison, Wis.	No team scores
Jan. 25	Minnesota Invite	UM Fieldhouse	No team scores
Manitoba, Drake, Marquette, Iowa			
Jan 31	Mercantile Bank Invite	Cedar Falls, Iowa	5th/37.25 pts.
Feb. 7-8	Iowa State Invitational	Ames, Iowa	No team scores
Feb. 14	Snowshoe Open	UM Fieldhouse	No team scores
Feb. 22-23	Big Ten Indoor Champ.	Iowa City, Iowa	3rd/83.33 pts.
Feb. 28	NCAA Qualifying Meet	Ames, Iowa	No team scores
Mar. 7-8	NCAA Indoor Champ.	Indianapolis, Ind.	T10th/16 pts.
Outdoor Track & Field			
Mar. 28-29	Raleigh Relays	Raleigh, N.C.	No team scores
Apr. 4-5	Texas Relays	Austin, Texas	No team scores
Apr. 11-12	Sea Ray Relays	Knoxville, Tenn.	No team scores
Apr. 19	Hawkeye Invitational/ Mount San Antonio Relays	Iowa City, Iowa Walnut, Calif.	No team scores No team scores
Apr. 25-26	Drake Relays	Des Moines, Iowa	No team scores
May 3	Gold Country Classic	Bierman Field	No team scores
May 4	Jesse Owens	Columbus, Ohio	No team scores
May 10	Minnesota Invitational	Bierman Field	9 a.m.
May 17	Minnesota Last Chance	Bierman Field	TBA
May 23-24	Big Ten Outdoor Champ.	Champaign, Ill.	TBA
June 4-7	NCAA Outdoor Champ.	Bloomington, Ind.	TBA

UP COMING: The Golden Gophers host the Minnesota Invitational at Bierman Field on May 10.

Minnesota pole vaulters **VESA RANTANEN** (So., Virrat, Finland) and **TYE HARVEY** (Sr., Jamestown, Calif.) will compete at the Modesto Relays in Sacramento on May 10.

Golden Gopher senior **RICK OBLEMAN** (Regina, Sask.) will compete in the 3,000 meter steeplechase and freshman **STAFFAN STRAND** (Upplands-Vasby, Sweden) will compete in the high jump at the Adidas Oregon Classic in Portland on May 11.

SCHLUETER PROVISIONALLY QUALIFIES FOR NAAs AT MINNESOTA CLASSIC:

Minnesota senior **JASON SCHLUETER** (New London, Wis.) provisionally qualified for the NCAA meet with a throw of 183-2 (55.84m) in the discus at last Saturday's Minnesota Classic in Minneapolis. Schlueter has now provisionally qualified for the NAAs four times this season.

FIVE GOLDEN GOPHERS WIN EVENTS AT MINNESOTA CLASSIC: Schlueter was one of five Golden Gophers to win events at the Minnesota Classic on Saturday. Sophomore **NATE CLAY** (Eden Prairie, Minn.) finished first with a personal best time of 1:55.54 in the 800 meter run. Sophomore **CHARLES MCCLURE**'s (Brookfield,

Wis.) clocking of 8:46.34 in the 3,000 meter run earned him a first place finish. Junior **CHAD YENCHESKY** (DePere, Wis.) won the shot put with a throw of 56-11 1/4 (17.35m). Sophomore **TYLER MCCORMICK**'s (White Bear Lake, Minn.) mark of 6-6 (1.98m) in the high jump was a personal best and earned him a first place finish in the event.

BENJAMIN FINISHES SECOND IN 100 METER DASH AT MINNESOTA CLASSIC:

SHELTON BENJAMIN (Susanville, Calif.) competed in the 100 meter dash for the first time this season and finished second in the event with a time of 10.99[-0.6w].

No team scores were kept at the meet.

MISCHKE WINS POLE VAULT AT JESSE OWENS TRACK CLASSIC: Minnesota senior **SETH MISCHKE** (Worland, Wyo.) won the pole vault with a mark of 16-3 1/4 (4.96m) on Sunday at the Jesse Owens Track Classic at Ohio State University in Columbus.

MARSH FINISHES SECOND IN DISCUS AT JESSE OWENS TRACK CLASSIC: Golden Gopher sophomore **JEFF MARSH** (Seymour, Wis.) finished second in the discus with a season-best throw of 168-0 (51.20m) at the Jesse Owens Track Classic.

SEVERAL GOLDEN GOPHERS EARN TOP FIVE FINISHES AT JESSE OWENS TRACK CLASSIC:

Five Golden Gophers earned fourth place finishes in their respective events at the Jesse Owens Track Classic. Freshman **ADAM FREED** (Proctor, Minn.) took fourth with a time of 22.2 in the 200 meter dash. Senior **AARON WHEATCRAFT**'s (Apple Valley, Minn.) clocking of 53.7 in the 400 meter intermediate hurdles placed him fourth among competitors in the event. Freshman **JUSTIN ASHER** (Plymouth, Minn.) finished fourth with a personal best throw of 158-7 (48.34m) in the discus. **DON MCLAUGHLIN** came in fourth with a time of 3:55.5 in the 1,500 meter run, while freshman **JEREMY POLSON**'s clocking of 8:39.56 was good for fourth in the 3,000 meter run.

No team scores were kept at the event.

GOLDEN GOPHER RESULTS FROM THE MINNESOTA CLASSIC:

100 Meter Dash: 2. Shelton Benjamin, Minn., 10.99[-0.6w]; 7. Steve Burkholder, Minn., 11.20[-0.6w]; 10. Vesa Rantanen, Minn., 11.28[-0.6w]; 12. Tye Harvey, Minn., 11.43w[+5.5w]

200 Meter Dash: 3. Steve Burkholder, Minn., 22.86[+0.9w].

800 Meter Run: 1. Nate Clay, Minn., 1:55.54; 8. Tyler McCormick, Minn., 2:00.43.

1,500 Meter Run: 3. Rick Obleman, Minn., 3:57.30; 6. Michael Stoick, Minn., 4:04.71; 8. Chuck Smith, Minn., 4:12.40.

3,000 Meter Run: 1. Charles McClure, Minn., 8:46.34; 3. Eric Hartmark, Minn., 8:54.97; 6. Allen Broderius, Minn., 9:07.30.

4x400 Meter Relay: 4. Minn., 3:30.81.

Shot Put: 1. Chad Yenchsky, Minn., 56-11 1/4 (17.35m).

Discus: 1. Jason Schlueter, Minn., 183-2 (55.84m); 2. Adam Reed, Minn., 177-1 (53.98m); 4. Chad Yenchsky, Minn., 166-2 (50.64m).

High Jump: 1. Tyler McCormick, Minn., 6-6 (1.98m).

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200 Meter Dash: 4. Adam Freed, Minn., 22.2.

200 Meter Dash: 9. Tim Van Voorhis, Minn., 22.24.

400 Meter Dash: 14. Adam Freed, Minn., 49.27.

800 Meter Run: 8. Ron Hoffner, Minn., 1:52.12.

1,500 Meter Run: 4. Don McLaughlin, Minn., 3:55.5.

3,000 Meter Run: 4. Jeremy Polson, Minn., 8:39.56; 5. Chris Anderson, Minn., 8:44.71; 7. Todd Landgraff, Minn., 8:48.53.

3,000 Meter Steeplechase: 7. Tony Riter, Minn., 9:37.05.
110 Meter High Hurdles: 5. Aaron Wheatcraft, Minn., 15.2.

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400 Meter Intermediate Hurdles: 4. Aaron Wheatcraft, Minn., 53.7.

Pole Vault: 1. Seth Mischke, Minn., 16-3 1/4 (4.96m).

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Jason Schlueter	Discus	186-11 (56.98)	4/25-26
Jason Schlueter	Discus	183-2 (55.84m)	5/3
Tye Harvey	Pole Vault	17-8 1/2 (5.4m)	4/25-26
Staffan Strand	High Jump	7-3 (2.21m)	4/25-26



TENNIS

NCAA REGION IV TOURNAMENT UP NEXT FOR NETTERS:

The University of Minnesota men's tennis team received word last Tuesday that it has received a bid to the NCAA Region IV tournament, to be held this weekend (May 9-11) at the Atkins Tennis Center on the campus of the University of Illinois.

The Golden Gophers (10-13) will be defending the region title they won in 1996, which allowed them to advance to the NCAA Championships in Athens, Ga.

Minnesota received a number five seed in this year's six-team, single-elimination regional and will face No. 4 Purdue University in a match at 9 a.m. on Fri., May 9 in Champaign, Ill. If the Golden Gophers advance with a win over the Boilermakers, they will challenge top-seeded Notre Dame in a regional semifinal on Sat., May 10 at 9 a.m. The finals are slated for Sun., May 11 at 1 p.m. Last season, Minnesota emerged as the champion in the region tournament despite being the number six seed.

The match schedule for the tournament is listed below:

Friday, May 9 Match #1, 9 a.m.
No. 4 Purdue vs. No. 5 Minnesota

Match #2 — No. 3 Northwestern vs. No. 6 Indiana, 1 p.m.

Saturday, May 10 — Regional Semifinals, 9 a.m.
Match #3 — No. 1 Notre Dame vs. winner Purdue/Minnesota

Match #4 — No. 2 Illinois vs. winner Northwestern/Indiana, 1 p.m.

Sunday, May 11 — Regional Finals, 1 p.m.
Match #5 winner Match #3 vs. winner Match #4

NETTERS PLACE THIRD AT BIG TEN TOURNAMENT:

The University of Minnesota men's tennis team (10-13) blanked Indiana University 4-0 on April 27 in the third-place match of the 1997 Big Ten Championships at the MSU Outdoor Tennis Facility on the campus of Michigan State University in East Lansing, Mich. The finish marked the second consecutive season the Golden Gophers placed third in the conference after winning the previous four Big Ten titles. It also continues Minnesota's excellence the past two decades in men's tennis. Since 1979, the Golden Gophers have finished lower than third in the Big Ten on just one occasion (1990, fifth).



GOLF

GOLFERS TO TRAVEL TO COLUMBUS FOR THE BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS: The University of Minnesota men's golf team will travel to the Big Ten Championships at the Scarlet Golf Course on the campus of the Ohio State University on May 9-11. The tournament kicks off with 36 holes on Friday at 7 a.m. CST, 18 holes on Saturday at 8 a.m., and 18 holes on Sunday at 7 a.m.

Ohio State won the Big Ten Championships last season, and Northwestern's Jon Loosemore won medalist honors at the tournament, which was held in University Park, Pa. The Golden Gophers finished in a tie with Michigan for fourth. Junior **ROB KERR** (Pointe Claire, Quebec) and senior **MARK HALVERSON** (Fargo, N.D.) were Minnesota's top finishers, tying for 21st.

The Buckeyes also lead the conference with 21 Big Ten titles, followed by Purdue and Michigan, which have each won 12. Illinois and Indiana have seven titles, and Minnesota and Northwestern each have four. The last time Minnesota won the Big Ten title was in 1972, when the Golden Gophers defeated runner-up Indiana by 16 strokes in Minneapolis to win the crown. The last Golden Gopher to win medalist honors was John Harris at the 1974 tournament.

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GOLDEN GOPHERS TIE FOR FOURTH AT KENT INVITATIONAL: The Golden Gophers tied for fourth place with the University of Michigan at the King

Cobra/Kent Invitational held at the Windmill Lakes Golf Club in Ravenna, Ohio last weekend. Minnesota finished with a three-round total of 877, 25 strokes behind team champion Northwestern (852).

Leading the way for Minnesota was freshman **MARTIN LE MESURIER** (South Hampton, England), who fired a three-round total of 217 to finish tied for 11th. Kentucky's Grover Justice and Northwestern's Matt Seppanen tied for medalist honors, each carding three-round totals of 209.

Junior **ROB KERR** (Pointe Claire, Quebec) and sophomore **JEFF BARNEY** (Appleton, Minn.) both tied for 23rd (221), sophomore **BILL THOMPSON** (Wayzata, Minn.) tied for 30th (222) and senior **MARK HALVERSON** (Fargo, N.D.) finished tied for 47th (228) to round out other Minnesota finishers.

NCAAS UP NEXT?: The Golden Gophers will be looking for their fifth consecutive and 24th overall team appearance in the NCAA Tournament Tuesday at 3 p.m., when the NCAA Golf Selection Committee announces its choices for the NCAA Central Regional, which will be held May 15-17 at the University of Oklahoma Golf Course in Norman, Okla. Northwestern University will host the 100th annual NCAA Men's Golf Championships at the Conway Farms Golf Club in Lake Forest, Ill., May 28-31.

Last season, Rob Kerr fired the best round of his collegiate career with a 69 to win medalist honors at the NCAA Regional at the University of Michigan Golf Course, but the Golden Gophers finished two strokes short of making it to the finals as a team. Kerr advanced on to the NCAA Finals at the Honors Course at the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga. He shot a 78 and 79 in the first two rounds but missed the final cut by seven strokes.



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Minnesota pole vaulters **VESA RANTANEN** (So., Virrat, Finland) and **TYE HARVEY** (Sr., Jamestown, Calif.) will compete at the Modesto Relays in Sacramento on May 10.

Golden Gopher senior **RICK OBLEMAN** (Regina, Sask.) will compete in the 3,000 meter steeplechase and freshman **STAFFAN STRAND** (Upplands-Vasby, Sweden) will compete in the high jump at the Adidas Oregon Classic in Portland on May 11.

SCHLUETER PROVISIONALLY QUALIFIES FOR NAAs AT MINNESOTA CLASSIC:

Minnesota senior **JASON SCHLUETER** (New London, Wis.) provisionally qualified for the NCAA meet with a throw of 183-2 (55.84m) in the discus at last Saturday's Minnesota Classic in Minneapolis. Schlueter has now provisionally qualified for the NAAs four times this season.

FIVE GOLDEN GOPHERS WIN EVENTS AT MINNESOTA CLASSIC:

Schlueter was one of five Golden Gophers to win events at the Minnesota Classic on Saturday. Sophomore **NATE CLAY** (Eden Prairie, Minn.) finished first with a personal best time of 1:55.54 in the 800 meter run. Sophomore **CHARLES MCCLURE**'s (Brookfield,

Wis.) clocking of 8:46.34 in the 3,000 meter run earned him a first place finish. Junior **CHAD YENCHESKY** (DePere, Wis.) won the shot put with a throw of 56-11 1/4 (17.35m). Sophomore **TYLER MCCORMICK**'s (White Bear Lake, Minn.) mark of 6-6 (1.98m) in the high jump was a personal best and earned him a first place finish in the event.

BENJAMIN FINISHES SECOND IN 100 METER DASH AT MINNESOTA CLASSIC:

SHELTON BENJAMIN (Susanville, Calif.) competed in the 100 meter dash for the first time this season and finished second in the event with a time of 10.99[-0.6w].

No team scores were kept at the meet.

MISCHKE WINS POLE VAULT AT JESSE OWENS TRACK CLASSIC:

Minnesota senior **SETH MISCHKE** (Worland, Wyo.) won the pole vault with a mark of 16-3 1/4 (4.96m) on Sunday at the Jesse Owens Track Classic at Ohio State University in Columbus.

MARSH FINISHES SECOND IN DISCUS AT JESSE OWENS TRACK CLASSIC:

Golden Gopher sophomore **JEFF MARSH** (Seymour, Wis.) finished second in the discus with a season-best throw of 168-0 (51.20m) at the Jesse Owens Track Classic.

SEVERAL GOLDEN GOPHERS EARN TOP FIVE FINISHES AT JESSE OWENS TRACK CLASSIC:

Five Golden Gophers earned fourth place finishes in their respective events at the Jesse Owens Track Classic. Freshman **ADAM FREED** (Proctor, Minn.) took fourth with a time of 22.2 in the 200 meter dash. Senior **AARON WHEATCRAFT**'s (Apple Valley, Minn.) clocking of 53.7 in the 400 meter intermediate hurdles placed him fourth among competitors in the event. Freshman **JUSTIN ASHER** (Plymouth, Minn.) finished fourth with a personal best throw of 158-7 (48.34m) in the discus. **DON MCLAUGHLIN** came in fourth with a time of 3:55.5 in the 1,500 meter run, while freshman **JEREMY POLSON**'s clocking of 8:39.56 was good for fourth in the 3,000 meter run.

No team scores were kept at the event.

GOLDEN GOPHER RESULTS FROM THE MINNESOTA CLASSIC:

100 Meter Dash: 2. Shelton Benjamin, Minn., 10.99[-0.6w]; 7. Steve Burkholder, Minn., 11.20[-0.6w]; 10. Vesa Rantanen, Minn., 11.28[-0.6w]; 12. Tye Harvey, Minn., 11.43w[+5.5w]

200 Meter Dash: 3. Steve Burkholder, Minn., 22.86[+0.9w].

800 Meter Run: 1. Nate Clay, Minn., 1:55.54; 8. Tyler McCormick, Minn., 2:00.43.

1,500 Meter Run: 3. Rick Obleman, Minn., 3:57.30; 6. Michael Stoick, Minn., 4:04.71; 8. Chuck Smith, Minn., 4:12.40.

3,000 Meter Run: 1. Charles McClure, Minn., 8:46.34; 3. Eric Hartmark, Minn., 8:54.97; 6. Allen Broderius, Minn., 9:07.30.

4x400 Meter Relay: 4. Minn., 3:30.81.

Shot Put: 1. Chad Yenchesky, Minn., 56-11 1/4 (17.35m).

Discus: 1. Jason Schlueter, Minn., 183-2 (55.84m); 2. Adam Reed, Minn., 177-1 (53.98m); 4. Chad Yenchesky, Minn., 166-2 (50.64m).

High Jump: 1. Tyler McCormick, Minn., 6-6 (1.98m).

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400 Meter Dash: 14. Adam Freed, Minn., 49.27.

800 Meter Run: 8. Ron Hoffner, Minn., 1:52.12.

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Pole Vault: 1. Seth Mischke, Minn., 16-3 1/4 (4.96m).

Discus: 2. Jeff Marsh, Minn., 168-0 (51.20m); 4. Justin Asher, Minn., 158-7 (48.34m).

1997 AUTOMATIC OUTDOOR QUALIFIERS:

Athlete	Event	Score	Meet
Vesa Rantanen	Pole Vault	18-5 1/4 (5.62)	4/4-5
Staffan Strand	High Jump	7-4 1/2 (2.25)	4/4-5
Benjamin Jensen	Decathlon	7,669 points	4/18
Tye Harvey	Pole Vault	18-1 1/4	4/20
Vesa Rantanen	Pole Vault	18-1 1/4 (5.52)	4/25-26

1997 PROVISIONAL OUTDOOR QUALIFIERS:

Athlete	Event	Score	Meet
Vesa Rantanen	Pole Vault	17-3 (5.26)	3/28-29
Chad Yenchesky	Shot Put	58-4 3/4 (17.8)	3/28-29
Jason Schlueter	Discus	191-0 (58.22)	4/4-5
Tye Harvey	Pole Vault	17-7 1/4 (5.37)	4/4-5
Chad Yenchesky	Shot Put	58-3 1/4 (17.76)	4/4-5
Rick Obleman	3,000 Meter Steeplechase	8:52.49	4/11-12
Chad Yenchesky	Shot Put	57-9 (17.60m)	4/11-12
Jason Schlueter	Discus	184-2 (56.14m)	4/11-12
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Tye Harvey	Pole Vault	17-8 1/2 (5.4m)	4/25-26
Staffan Strand	High Jump	7-3 (2.21m)	4/25-26



TENNIS

NCAA REGION IV TOURNAMENT UP NEXT FOR NETTERS:

The University of Minnesota men's tennis team received word last Tuesday that it has received a bid to the NCAA Region IV tournament, to be held this weekend (May 9-11) at the Atkins Tennis Center on the campus of the University of Illinois.

The Golden Gophers (10-13) will be defending the region title they won in 1996, which allowed them to advance to the NCAA Championships in Athens, Ga.

Minnesota received a number five seed in this year's six-team, single-elimination regional and will face No. 4 Purdue University in a match at 9 a.m. on Fri., May 9 in Champaign, Ill. If the Golden Gophers advance with a win over the Boilermakers, they will challenge top-seeded Notre Dame in a regional semifinal on Sat., May 10 at 9 a.m. The finals are slated for Sun., May 11 at 1 p.m. Last season, Minnesota emerged as the champion in the region tournament despite being the number six seed.

The match schedule for the tournament is listed below:

Friday, May 9 Match #1, 9 a.m.
No. 4 Purdue vs. No. 5 Minnesota

Match #2 — No. 3 Northwestern vs. No. 6 Indiana, 1 p.m.

Saturday, May 10 — Regional Semifinals, 9 a.m.
Match #3 — No. 1 Notre Dame vs. winner Purdue/Minnesota

Match #4 — No. 2 Illinois vs. winner Northwestern/Indiana, 1 p.m.

Sunday, May 11 — Regional Finals, 1 p.m.
Match #5 winner Match #3 vs. winner Match #4

NETTERS PLACE THIRD AT BIG TEN TOURNEY:

The University of Minnesota men's tennis team (10-13) blanked Indiana University 4-0 on April 27 in the third-place match of the 1997 Big Ten Championships at the MSU Outdoor Tennis Facility on the campus of Michigan State University in East Lansing, Mich. The finish marked the second consecutive season the Golden Gophers placed third in the conference after winning the previous four Big Ten titles. It also continues Minnesota's excellence the past two decades in men's tennis. Since 1979, the Golden Gophers have finished lower than third in the Big Ten on just one occasion (1990, fifth).



GOLF

GOLFERS TO TRAVEL TO COLUMBUS FOR THE BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS:

The University of Minnesota men's golf team will travel to the Big Ten Championships at the Scarlet Golf Course on the campus of the Ohio State University on May 9-11. The tournament kicks off with 36 holes on Friday at 7 a.m. CST, 18 holes on Saturday at 8 a.m., and 18 holes on Sunday at 7 a.m.

Ohio State won the Big Ten Championships last season, and Northwestern's Jon Loosemore won medalist honors at the tournament, which was held in University Park, Pa. The Golden Gophers finished in a tie with Michigan for fourth. Junior **ROB KERR** (Pointe Claire, Quebec) and senior **MARK HALVERSON** (Fargo, N.D.) were Minnesota's top finishers, tying for 21st.

The Buckeyes also lead the conference with 21 Big Ten titles, followed by Purdue and Michigan, which have each won 12. Illinois and Indiana have seven titles, and Minnesota and Northwestern each have four. The last time Minnesota won the Big Ten title was in 1972, when the Golden Gophers defeated runner-up Indiana by 16 strokes in Minneapolis to win the crown. The last Golden Gopher to win medalist honors was John Harris at the 1974 tournament.

GOLFERS RANKED 20TH IN LATEST POLL:

The University of Minnesota men's golf team is No. 20 in the latest Rolex Collegiate Rankings with 103.890 points. Ohio State, ranked No. 14 in the poll with 141.053 points, is the only other Big Ten team ranked higher than the Golden Gophers. The University of Nevada-Las Vegas is the top ranked team with 346.397 points.

ROLEX MEN'S TEAM RANKINGS

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GOLDEN GOPHERS TIE FOR FOURTH AT KENT INVITATIONAL:

The Golden Gophers tied for fourth place with the University of Michigan at the King

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Leading the way for Minnesota was freshman **MARTIN LE MESURIER** (South Hampton, England), who fired a three-round total of 217 to finish tied for 11th. Kentucky's Grover Justice and Northwestern's Matt Seppanen tied for medalist honors, each carding three-round totals of 209.

Junior **ROB KERR** (Pointe Claire, Quebec) and sophomore **JEFF BARNEY** (Appleton, Minn.) both tied for 23rd (221), sophomore **BILL THOMPSON** (Wayzata, Minn.) tied for 30th (222) and senior **MARK HALVERSON** (Fargo, N.D.) finished tied for 47th (228) to round out other Minnesota finishers.

NCAAS UP NEXT?: The Golden Gophers will be looking for their fifth consecutive and 24th overall team appearance in the NCAA Tournament Tuesday at 3 p.m., when the NCAA Golf Selection Committee announces its choices for the NCAA Central Regional, which will be held May 15-17 at the University of Oklahoma Golf Course in Norman, Okla. Northwestern University will host the 100th annual NCAA Men's Golf Championships at the Conway Farms Golf Club in Lake Forest, Ill., May 28-31.

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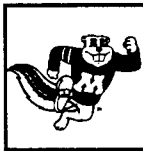
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UP COMING: The Golden Gophers host the Minnesota Last Chance Meet at the Bierman Track and Field Stadium on May 17. Minnesota will then participate in the Big Ten Outdoor Championships on May 23-24 in Champaign, Ill.

FEARSOME FOURSOME: The Golden Gophers won four events at the Maroon and Gold Open on May 10 at the Bierman Track and Field Stadium.

Golden Gopher sophomore **RON HOFFNER** (Brooklyn Park, Minn.) finished first with a personal-best time of 1:50.82 in the 800 meter run. Sophomore **CHARLES MCCLURE**'s (Brookfield, Wis.) clocking of 15:14.30 in the 5,000 meter run placed him first among all competitors in the event. Senior **AARON WHEATCRAFT** (Apple Valley, Minn.) ran the 400 meter hurdles in a personal-best time of 53.46 to finish first, while sophomore **TYLER MCCORMICK** (White Bear Lake, Minn.) won the high jump with a personal-best mark of 6-9 3/4 (2.08m).

YENCHESKY PROVISIONALLY QUALIFIES:

Junior **CHAD YENCHESKY** (DePere, Wis.) had a throw of 57-10 1/2 (17.64m) in the shot put to provisionally qualify for the 1997 NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships, the fourth time this season he has accomplished the feat. Yenchesky's throw at Saturday's meet was good for second place.

SECOND PLACE FINISHERS: In addition to Yenchesky, freshman **JEREMY POLSON** (Duluth, Minn.), senior **JASON SCHLUETER** (New London, Wis.) and senior **SETH MISCHKE** (Worland, Wyo.) also earned second place finishes.

Polson placed second to teammate McClure in the 5,000 meter run, finishing the race in 15:16.90. Schlueter's throw of 178-2 (54.32m) in the discus was good for second. Mischke finished second in the pole vault with a mark of 16-4 3/4 (5.00m).

No team scores were kept at the meet.

POLE VAULTERS AT MODESTO RELAYS:

Senior **TYE HARVEY** (Jamestown, Calif.) finished fourth with a mark of 18-0 1/2 (5.50m) in the pole vault at the Modesto Relays on May 10.

Meanwhile, sophomore **VESA RANTANEN** (Virrat, Finland) tied for fifth with a mark of 18-0 1/2 (5.50m) in the pole vault at the Modesto Relays.

The marks provisionally qualify Harvey and Rantanen for the 1997 NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships.

STRAND FLIES HIGH IN OREGON: Freshman **STAFFAN STRAND** (Uppslands-Vasby, Sweden) finished second with a mark of 7-4 1/2 (2.25m) in the high jump at the Adidas Oregon Classic in Portland on May 11. The mark automatically qualifies Strand for the 1997 NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships, the second time he has accomplished the feat this year.

Meanwhile, senior **RICK OBLEMAN** (Regina, Sask.) placed 11th with a time of 8:57.96 in the 3,000 meter steeplechase at the Adidas Oregon Classic.

MAROON AND GOLD OPEN RESULTS:

100 Meter Dash: 5. Shelton Benjamin, Minnesota, 10.84w[+2.2w]; 8. Niles Deneen, Minnesota, 10.94w[+2.5w].

800 Meter Run: 1. Ron Hoffner, Minnesota, 1:50.82.

1,500 Meter Run: 4. Nate Clay, Minnesota, 3:57.97; 5. Mike Stoick, Minnesota, 4:01.33.

5,000 Meter Run: 1. Charles McClure, Minnesota, 15:14.30; 2. Jeremy Polson, Minnesota, 15:16.90; 3. Chris Anderson, Minnesota, 15:30.45; 4. Tony Riter, Minnesota, 15:30.97; 5. Al Broderius, Minnesota, 15:40.85.

110M High Hurdles: 3. Niles Deneen, Minnesota, 14.34[+1.6w]; 5. Aaron Wheatcraft, Minnesota, 14.68[+1.9w]; 9. Ben Jensen, Minnesota, 15.41[+1.6w].

400 Meter Hurdles: 1. Aaron Wheatcraft, Minnesota, 53.64.

4x100 Meter Relay: 2. Minnesota, 41.39.

4x400 Meter Relay: 4. Minnesota, 3:24.95.

Shot Put: 2. Chad Yenchesky, Minnesota, 57-10 1/2 (17.64m);

8. Jeff Marsh, Minnesota, 52-4 3/4 (15.97m).

Discus: 2. Jason Schlueter, Minnesota, 178-2 (54.32m); 3. Chad Yenchesky, Minnesota, 171-4 (52.22m); 5. Jeff Marsh, Minnesota, 169-9 (51.74m); 9. Justin Asher, Minnesota, 156-7 (47.74m).

High Jump: 1. Tyler McCormick, Minnesota, 6-9 3/4 (2.08m).

Pole Vault: 2. Seth Mischke, Minnesota, 16-4 3/4 (5.00m).

MODESTO RELAYS RESULTS:

Pole Vault: 4. Tye Harvey, Minnesota, 18-0 1/2 (5.50m); T5. Vesa Rantanen, Minnesota, 18-0 1/2 (5.50m).

ADIDAS OREGON CLASSIC RESULTS:

3,000 Meter Steeplechase: Rick Obleman, Minnesota, 8:57.96.

High Jump: 2. Staffan Strand, Minnesota, 7-4 1/2 (2.25m).

1997 AUTOMATIC OUTDOOR QUALIFIERS:

Athlete	Event	Score	Meet
Vesa Rantanen	Pole Vault	18-5 1/4 (5.62)	4/4-5
Staffan Strand	High Jump	7-4 1/2 (2.25)	4/4-5
Benjamin Jensen	Decathlon	7,669 points	4/18
Tye Harvey	Pole Vault	18-1 1/4	4/20
Vesa Rantanen	Pole Vault	18-1 1/4 (5.52)	4/25-26
Steffan Strand	High Jump	7-4 1/2 (2.25)	5/11

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Vesa Rantanen	Pole Vault	18-0 1/2 (5.50)	5/10



GOLF

GOLFERS IN NCAA CENTRAL REGIONAL:

The University of Minnesota men's golf team will travel to Norman, Okla. for the NCAA Midwest Regional this Thur-Sat, May 15-17. The tournament is being played at the University of Oklahoma Golf Course with 10 teams and two individuals advancing to the finals at Conway Farms Golf Club in Lake Forest, Ill., on May 28-June 1. Last year Minnesota finished 12th at the NCAA Central Regional in Ann Arbor, Mich., two strokes short of advancing to the finals. Junior All-America **ROB KERR** (Pointe Claire, Quebec) won the tournament and advanced to the finals as one of the two individuals.

MINNESOTA IN THE NCAAs: The Golden Gophers will be making their fifth consecutive and 24th overall team appearance in the NCAA Tournament this week at the NCAA Central Regional. Minnesota has advanced to the finals once in the past four seasons. In 1993 the team finished 20th at the finals which is its highest finish since 1963. Northwestern University will host the 100th annual NCAA Men's Golf Championships at the Conway Farms Golf Club in Lake Forest, Ill., May 28-31. Last season, Rob Kerr fired the then-best round of his collegiate career with a 69 to win medalist honors at the NCAA Regional at the University of Michigan Golf Course, but the Golden Gophers finished two strokes short of making it to the finals as a team. Kerr advanced on to the NCAA Finals at the Honors Course at the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga. He shot a 78 and 79 in the first two rounds but missed the final cut by seven strokes.

LE MESURIER HONORED: Freshman **MARTIN LE MESURIER** (South Hampton, Eng.) was named Big Ten Freshman of the year in an awards ceremony this past weekend at the Big Ten Tournament. Le Mesurier leads the team with a stroke average of 73.5 and eight top 20 finishes in 10 tournaments. It also marks the second consecutive year that Minnesota has won the award. Last year Matt Doyle won the award before deciding to turn professional this past summer.

BIG TEN TOURNAMENT RECAP The Golden Gophers finished fifth this past weekend at the Big Ten Tournament at the Scarlet Course in Columbus, Ohio. The teams battled bitterly cold weather in the fifties until the final day when the weather broke. Minnesota fired three rounds of 302 and one round of 307, finishing 27 strokes behind winner Ohio State. The Golden Gophers were led by their young players starting with Le Mesurier who was in the top five individual weekend and finished fourth with a score of 293, six

strokes behind the winner Kyle Dobbs of Michigan. Sophomore **BILL THOMPSON** (Wayzata, Minn.) had a very good tournament, finishing in 12th place with a score of 302.

1997 BIG TEN GOLF TOURNAMENT

Team Standings

1. Ohio State, 296-294-296-299=1185
2. Northwestern, 301-304-293-290=1187
3. Michigan, 300-290-302-301=1193
4. Indiana, 301-306-308-297=1212
5. Minnesota, 302-307-302-302=1213
6. Iowa, 315-310-296-293=1214
7. Wisconsin, 314-314-303-299=1230
8. Purdue, 307-305-303-316=1231
9. Illinois, 308-320-306-306=1240
10. Penn State, 312-315-307-308=1242
11. Michigan State, 306-313-307-317=1243

Top 15 Individuals and Gopher scores

1. Kyle Dobbs, Michigan, 73-71-71-72=287
 2. Randy Leen, Indiana, 71-72-73-73=289
 3. Scott Rowe, Northwestern, 73-77-72-70=292
 4. Martin Le Mesurier, Minn., 72-74-73-74=293
 5. Sean Rowen, Iowa, 73-75-75-71=294
 6. Didier DeVooght, Ohio State, 75-72-75-73=295
Chris Wollman, Ohio State, 74-74-76-71=295
 8. Brent Idalski, Michigan, 74-70-77-75=296
 9. Matt Seppanen, Northwestern, 76-73-74-75=298
 10. Craig Matthew, Ohio State, 75-80-71-74=300
 11. Jonathan Loosemore, NW, 80-75-73-73=301
 12. Bill Thompson, Minn., 77-75-76-74=302
John Bachman, Purdue, 74-78-74-76=302
Michael Harris, Michigan, 75-72-79-76=302
Chad McCarty, Iowa, 81-80-70-71=302
- Others: Rob Kerr, Minn., 75-78-80-77=310 (31st), Mark Halverson, Minn., 78-80-75-77=310 (31st), Jeff Barney, Minn., 80-84-78-81=323 (50th)



TENNIS

NETTERS FINISH ONE SHORT OF NCAA

CHAMPIONSHIPS: The University of Minnesota men's tennis team made a valiant effort for the second straight season to end an otherwise disappointing season on a high note by qualifying for the NCAA Championships. Last season, Minnesota entered the six-team NCAA Region IV Tournament as the number six seed and proceeded to win three matches in upset fashion to advance to the program's third NCAA Championships. This season, seeded fifth, the Golden Gophers were stopped one match short of the goal as they were defeated by Northwestern 4-2 on Sunday in the regional final.

Minnesota battled back from an early deficit after losing the doubles point to win the number one and two singles matches. Senior **LARS HJARRNAD** who closed out his outstanding career as a Golden Gopher on Sunday, won in straight sets at number one singles. Hjarrand, a three-time all-Big Ten selection from Oslo, Norway, ended his career with a combined singles and doubles mark of 157-71.

Sophomore **TOM CHICOINE** of Neenah, Wis., was the other Minnesota winner with a straight set triumph at number two singles. Chicoine led all Golden Gopher singles players in wins this season with 30, and now stands with a total of 55 singles victories in just two full seasons. Chicoine won all three of his matches at the regional over the weekend.

A bright spot of the weekend came on Saturday morning in the semifinals, when the upset-minded Golden Gophers ousted top-seed Notre Dame for the second time in as many years. The Golden Gophers jumped out to an early 1-0 advantage by capturing the doubles point on the strength of close wins by the tandems of Lars Hjarrand/Ben Gabler and Tom Chicoine/Martin Kristoffersen.

Minnesota then won three of five completed singles matches against the Fighting Irish to clinch the victory. A key matchup occurred at number two singles, where Chicoine earned a three-set win over Notre Dame's Jakub Pietrowski after dropping the first set 6-1. Chicoine won a third-set tiebreaker (6-2) to claim victory. Sophomore **ADAM SELKIRK** (St. Joseph, Mo.) clinched the match for Minnesota with a three-set, come-from-behind win at number four singles (2-6, 6-3, 6-4).

The Golden Gophers finished the season at 12-14, placing third at the Big Ten Tournament and winning four of their final six matches. The team loses just two seniors (Hjarrand and Ben Gabler) to graduation. Northwestern, who finished second in the Big Ten this season, advances to the NCAA Championships with a record of 20-6.

Results from Minnesota's matches at the 1997 NCAA Region IV Tournament are listed below:

NCAA Region IV Finals

Sunday, May 11

Atkins Tennis Center

Champaign, Ill.

NORTHWESTERN 4, MINNESOTA 2

Singles

Lars Hjarrand (MN) def. Alex Witt (NW) 6-3, 6-3
Tom Chicoine (MN) def. Marc Silva (NW) 6-3, 6-2
Ry Tarpley (NW) def. Ben Gabler (MN) 7-5, 6-2
Martin Bengtsson (NW) def. Adam Selkirk (MN) 6-2, 6-3
Doug Bohaboy (NW) def. Martin Michalowski (MN) 6-3, 6-0
Richard Preschern (NW) v. Robin Rutili (MN) sus. w/Preschern leading 6-3, 6-7 (4), 2-0

Doubles

Gabler/Hjarrand (MN) def. Witt/Preschern (NW) 8-6
Silva/Bohaboy (NW) def. Chicoine/Martin Kristoffersen (MN) 8-5
Tarpley/Bengtsson (NW) def. Rutili/Michaelowski (MN) 8-5

NCAA Region IV Semifinals

Saturday, May 10

MINNESOTA 4, NOTRE DAME 2

Singles

Ryan Sachire (ND) def. Lars Hjarrand (MN) 6-3, 7-5
Tom Chicoine (MN) def. Jakub Pietrowski (ND) 1-6, 6-2, 7-6 (2)
Ryan Simme (ND) def. Ben Gabler (MN) 6-1, 7-6 (8)
Adam Selkirk (MN) def. Brian Patterson (ND) 2-6, 6-3, 6-4
Martin Michalowski (MN) def. Danny Rothschild (ND) 6-4, 6-4
Robin Rutili (MN) vs. Eric Enloe (ND) suspended

Doubles

Gabler/Hjarrand (MN) def. Pietrowski/Patterson (ND) 9-7
Chicoine/Martin Kristoffersen (MN) def. Sachire/Trent Miller (ND) 8-6
Simme/Rothschild (ND) def. Rutili/Michaelowski (MN) 8-5

NCAA Region IV Quarterfinals

Friday, May 9

MINNESOTA 4, PURDUE 1

Singles

Lars Hjarrand (MN) vs. Jamie Gordon (PU) suspended w/Hjarrand leading 6-4, 4-1
Tom Chicoine (MN) def. Cris James (PU) 6-2, 6-0
Ben Gabler (MN) def. Derek Myers (PU) 6-4, 6-4
Adam Selkirk (MN) def. Jerad Harbaugh (PU) 6-1, 6-2
Greg Wessenberg (PU) vs. Martin Michaelowski (MN) susp. w/Wessenberg leading 6-4, 4-5
Robin Rutili (MN) def. Steve Brizendine (PU) 6-3, 6-2

Doubles

Gabler/Hjarrand (MN) def. James/Myers (PU) 8-6
Gordon/Harbaugh (PU) def. Chicoine/Martin Kristoffersen (MN) 8-4
Bryan Harris/Jason Smith (PU) def. Rutili/Michaelowski (MN) 9-7

TEAM HANDS OUT AWARDS AT ANNUAL BAN-

QUET: The University of Minnesota men's tennis team held its annual awards banquet on May 7 at the Edina Country Club in Edina Minn. The following players received awards during the evening. All awards are voted on by members of the team.

Unsung Player of the Year:	Robin Rutili
Team Spirit Award:	Tom Chicoine
Jerry Noyce Most Improved:	Martin Michalowski
Len Bailey Award (grit and determination):	Lars Hjarrand
Louis Ratner Outstanding Contribution:	Ben Gabler

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This Week in Gopher Sports

Sears Cup Standings

The Golden Gophers are currently in fifth-place in the fourth annual Sears Directors Cup standings following the winter sports season. The competition recognizes the finest all-around collegiate athletics programs in the nation.

Current Sears Directors Cup Standings:

1. Stanford	747.5
2. Nebraska	661.5
3. North Carolina	631.5
4. Florida	484.5
5. Minnesota	476.5
6. Ohio State	461.5
7. Texas	460.0
8. Penn State	456.5
9. Colorado	443.5
10. Notre Dame	432.0
11. Michigan	430.0
12. Brigham Young	413.0
13. Arizona	401.5
14. Wisconsin	400.5
15. UCLA	392.0
16. Kentucky	374.5
17. Louisiana State	374.5
18. Iowa	373.0
19. Michigan State	372.5
20. Iowa State	329.5
21. Alabama	323.5
22. Virginia	315.5
23. Auburn	314.5
24. California	304.5
25. Villanova	299.5

Friday,
MAY 25

• Track

at Big Ten Outdoor Championships
University of Illinois Outdoor Track
and Field Stadium
Urbana-Champaign, Ill., All Day

Saturday,
MAY 24

• Track

at Big Ten Outdoor Championships
University of Illinois Outdoor Track
and Field Stadium
Urbana-Champaign, Ill., All Day

Sunday,
MAY 26

• Track

at Big Ten Outdoor Championships
University of Illinois Outdoor Track
and Field Stadium
Urbana-Champaign, Ill., All Day

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TRACK AND FIELD

1997 TRACK & FIELD SCHEDULE

Indoor Track & Field			
DATE	MEET	PLACE	RESULT/TIME
Jan. 4	Early Bird Open	UM Fieldhouse	No team scores
Jan. 11	Northwest Open	UM Fieldhouse	No team scores
Jan. 18	Badger Track Classic	Madison, Wis.	No team scores
Jan. 25	Minnesota Invite	UM Fieldhouse	No team scores
	Manitoba, Drake, Marquette, Iowa		
Jan 31	Mercantile Bank Invite	Cedar Falls, Iowa	5th/37.25 pts.
Feb. 7-8	Iowa State Invitational	Ames, Iowa	No team scores
Feb. 14	Snowshoe Open	UM Fieldhouse	No team scores
Feb. 22-23	Big Ten Indoor Champ.	Iowa City, Iowa	3rd/83.33 pts.
Feb. 28	NCAA Qualifying Meet	Ames, Iowa	No team scores
Mar. 7-8	NCAA Indoor Champ.	Indianapolis, Ind.	T10th/16 pts.
Outdoor Track & Field			
Mar. 28-29	Raleigh Relays	Raleigh, N.C.	No team scores
Apr. 4-5	Texas Relays	Austin, Texas	No team scores
Apr. 11-12	Sea Ray Relays	Knoxville, Tenn.	No team scores
Apr. 19	Hawkeye Invitational/ Mount San Antonio Relays	Iowa City, Iowa Walnut, Calif.	No team scores No team scores
Apr. 25-26	Drake Relays	Des Moines, Iowa	No team scores
May 3	Gold Country Classic	Bierman Field	No team scores
May 4	Jesse Owens	Columbus, Ohio	No team scores
May 10	Minnesota Invitational	Bierman Field	No team scores
May 17	Minnesota Last Chance	Bierman Field	No team scores
May 23-24	Big Ten Outdoor Champ.	Champaign, Ill.	TBA
June 4-7	NCAA Outdoor Champ.	Bloomington, Ind.	TBA

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS UP NEXT:

The Golden Gophers next compete at the Big Ten Outdoor Championships on May 23-25 in Champaign, Ill.

DEFENDING THEIR TITLES: Senior discus thrower **JASON SCHLUETER** (New London, Wis.) and sophomore pole vaulter **VESA RANTANEN** (Virtat, Finland) look to defend their Big Ten titles at this weekend's conference championships. Schlueter won the discus with a throw of 185-0 at last year's meet, while Rantanen claimed the pole vault title with a mark of 17-10.

EIGHT IS GREAT FOR GOLDEN GOPHERS:

Minnesota won eight events at the Last Chance Meet on May 17 at the Bierman Track and Field Stadium.

HARVEY, SCHLUETER PROVISIONALLY QUALIFY: Golden Gopher pole vaulter **TYE HARVEY** (Sr., Jamestown, Calif.) and discus thrower **JASON SCHLUETER** (Sr., New London, Wis.) each provisionally qualified for the 1997 NCAA Outdoor Championships at the Last Chance Meet.

Harvey provisionally qualified with a meet-winning vault of 17-5 1/2 (5.32m). He has now provisionally qualified for the NCAA Championships four times this season.

Schlueter provisionally qualified with a meet-winning throw of 181-11 (55.44m). The provisional qualifying toss was the senior's fifth of the year.

FREED, OBLEMAN SET PERSONAL BESTS:

Golden Gopher freshman **ADAM FREED** (Proctor, Minn.) and senior **RICK OBLEMAN** (Regina, Sask.) set personal best times in winning their respective events at the Last Chance Meet. Freed won the 200 meter dash with a 21.57 clocking, while Obleman finished first in the 1,500 meter run with a time of 3:53.23.

OTHER FIRST-PLACE FINISHERS:

Other Golden Gophers who captured first-place finishes at the Last Chance Meet included junior **NILES DENEEN** (St. Paul, Minn.), sophomore **TYLER MCCORMICK** (White Bear Lake, Minn.) and junior **CHAD YENCHESKY** (DePere, Wis.). Deneen won the 110 meter high hurdles with a time of 14.19. McCormick's mark of 6-8 (2.03m) in the high jump was good for first place, while Yenchesky won the shot put with a throw of 56-9 1/2 (17.31m).

The Golden Gopher 4x100 meter relay team was also a winner Saturday with a time of 41.39.

No team scores were kept at the meet.

RESULTS FROM THE LAST CHANCE MEET:

100 Meter Dash: 2. Fred Rodgers, Minnesota, 10.75; 3. Shelton Benjamin, Minnesota, 10.97; 5. Niles Deneen, Minnesota, 11.05.

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Long Jump: 3. Staffan Strand, Minnesota, 22-4 1/4 (6.81m).

Shot Put: 1. Chad Yenchesky, Minnesota, 56-9 (17.31m); 2. Adam Reed, Minnesota, 55-10 1/2 (17.03m); 3. Jeff Marsh, Minnesota, 55-7 1/2 (16.96m); 5. Justin Asher, Minnesota, 51-9 1/4 (15.78m); 14. Jon Anderson, Minnesota, 40-11 (12.47m); 15. Benjamin Jensen, Minnesota, 40-7 (12.37m); 16. Seth Mischke, Minnesota, 39-5 3/4 (12.03m).

Discus: 1. Jason Schlueter, Minnesota, 181-11 (55.44m); 2. Jeff Marsh, Minnesota, 171-7 (49.40m); 4. Adam Reed, Minnesota, 164-2 (49.30m); 7. Chad Yenchesky, Minnesota, 162-2 (49.42m).

Pole Vault: 1. Tye Harvey, Minnesota, 17-5 1/2 (5.32m); 4. Seth Mischke, Minnesota, 16-5 1/2 (5.02m); 7. Jon Anderson, Minnesota, 15-10 (4.82m).

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Tye Harvey	Pole Vault	17-5 1/2 (5.32)	5/17
Jason Schlueter	Discus	181-11 (55.44)	5/17



GOLF

GOLDEN GOPHERS FINISH 17TH AT NCAA CENTRAL REGIONAL:

The University of Minnesota men's golf team finished its season last weekend, placing 17th at the NCAA Central Regional held at the Jimmie Austin/University of Oklahoma Golf Course in Norman. The Golden Gophers had a 54-hole total of 896, 53 strokes behind team champion Oklahoma State (843).

LE MESURIER LEADS WAY FOR GOPHERS:

Leading the way for Minnesota was freshman **MARTIN LEMESURIER** (South Hampton, England) who fired a three round total of 221 to finish tied for 45th. Oklahoma State's Bo VanPelt and Texas A&M's Miguel del Angel tied for medalist honors, each carding three round totals of 209.

Golden Gopher junior **ROB KERR** (Pointe Claire, Quebec, Canada) tied for 46th place with a score of 222. Senior **MARK HALVERSON** ended his career at the University of Minnesota, tying for 60th with a 225. Sophomore **BILL THOMPSON** (Wayzata, Minn.) tied for 81st at 228, while sophomore **ANDY KOMOR** (New Brighton, Minn.) finished off Minnesota's scoring at 235. The top ten teams in the regional advance to the NCAA Championships at Conway Farms in Lake Forest, Ill. on May 28-31.

NCAA Central Regional
Jimmie Austin/University of Oklahoma Golf Course
May 15-17, 1997

Final Team Standings

1. Oklahoma State	290-278-275-843
2. TCU	287-281-285-853
3. Texas A&M	279-286-294-859
4. Arkansas	288-284-289-861
5. Houston	290-281-293-864
6. Ohio State	294-289-287-870
7. Texas	287-292-292-871
8. Michigan	292-292-290-874
T9. Drake	288-299-294-881
T9. Northwestern	293-293-295-881
11. Oklahoma	287-302-293-882
12. Tulsa	297-291-298-886
13. Nebraska	291-297-299-887
14. Iowa State	301-292-295-888
15. Indiana	299-303-289-891
16. Southern Methodist	291-296-306-893
17. Minnesota	297-295-304-896
18. Miami (Ohio)	298-297-305-900

19. Rice	300-305-300-905
20. SW Louisiana	300-302-305-907
21. Arkansas State	303-306-305-914

Top 20 Individuals

T1. Bo Van Pelt, Oklahoma State	73-68-68-209
T1. Miguel del Angel, Texas A&M	70-68-71-209
T3. Alberto Ochoa, TCU	69-70-71-210
T3. Tag Ridings, Arkansas	67-71-72-210
T3. Leif Westerberg, Oklahoma State	68-69-73-210
T6. Brian Guetz, Oklahoma State	74-72-65-211
T6. Jeff Burns, Houston	70-70-71-211
T8. Deron Zinnecker, TCU	74-69-69-212
T8. Casey Brown, Arkansas	74-68-70-212
10. Jeff Brown, Texas A&M	68-71-74-213
T11. Edward Loar, Oklahoma State	75-70-69-214
T11. Robert Russell, Missouri-Kansas City	71-73-70-214
T11. Craig Matthew, Ohio State	76-70-68-214
T11. David Jasper, Michigan	71-71-72-214
T11. Patrick Malone, Texas	70-72-72-214
T16. Randy Leen, Indiana	74-70-71-215
T16. Victor Schwamkrug, Houston	71-70-74-215
T18. Ben Pettitt, Drake	69-74-73-216
T18. Jason Knutzon, Iowa State	71-71-74-216
T18. Chris James, Oklahoma	70-75-71-216
T18. Brent Wolf, TCU	70-71-75-216

Golden Gopher Scores

Martin LeMesurier	73-74-74-221(T45)
Rob Kerr	74-71-77-222(T46)
Mark Halverson	75-74-76-225(T60)
Bill Thompson	75-76-77-234(T81)
Andy Komor	78-80-77-235(105)



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Thursday, September 11:

Junior linebacker **Parc Williams**

Friday, September 12:

Golf Coach **John Means** previews the ReliaStar Invitational

Saturday-Sunday, September 13-14:

Football Coach **Glen Mason, Iowa State** postgame comments

GO ONLINE!

The University of Minnesota Men's Athletic Department has a new address on the Internet. Beginning Tues., Sept. 9, Golden Gopher sports will have a new website after teaming up with MSP Inter@ctive, a new division of MSP Communications. The World Wide Web site will still contain press releases, statistics, rosters, schedules and much more information, but will also feature the same information from the Women's Athletic Department. The site has been developed to be more user-friendly and contain even more information on the Golden Gophers. The Web pages can be accessed at:

<http://www.gophersports.com>

Information on every Big Ten school and the conference is also available via the Internet. The Big Ten's home page featuring conference information and statistics can be found at:

www.bigten.org

THIS WEEK IN GOPHER SPORTS

Saturday, Sept. 13

Sun.-Mon., Sept. 14-15

• Football

vs. Iowa State
 Metrodome
 WCCO-AM (830)
 Midwest Sports Channel
 6 p.m.

• Cross Country

at Lester Park Invitational
 Duluth, Minn.
 11:15 a.m.

• Golf

vs. ReliaStar Invitational
 Dellwood Hills Golf Club
 8:00 a.m.

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Recapping Last Season's Finishes

As the University of Minnesota enters the 1997-98 Golden Gopher sports' season, we take a look back at the 1996-97 season which earned the U of M 15th place in the Sears Director's Cup standings.

Sport	Overall Record	Big Ten/Finish	NCAAs
Baseball	30-24	15-10/5th	--
Basketball	31-4	16-2/1st	Final Four
Cross Country	--	7th	9th (Dist. IV)
Football	4-7	1-7/9th	--
Golf	--	5th	17th (Central)
Gymnastics	3-5	2-2/4th	5th (East)
Hockey	28-13-1	21-10-1/t1st*	2nd Round (West)
Swim & Diving	6-0	3-0/2nd	12th
Tennis	12-14	4-6/3rd	2nd (Region IV)
Track & Field	--	3rd (i)/2nd (o)	10th (i)/9th (o)
Wrestling	16-4	6-1/2nd	3rd

*hockey competes in the WCHA



CROSS COUNTRY

1997 CROSS COUNTRY SCHEDULE

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Sept. 27	Roy Griak Invitational (Les Bolstad U of M Golf Course)	9:30 a.m.
Oct. 11	at Maine Black Bear Invitational	TBA
Oct. 18	at Iowa State Classic (Ames, Iowa)	10:30 a.m.
Oct. 25	Marathon Sports 5K (Les Bolstad U of M Golf Course)	11:00 a.m.
Nov. 1	Big Ten Championships (Columbus, Ohio)	11 a.m.
Nov. 15	Dist. 5 Championships (Ames, Iowa)	11 a.m.
Nov. 24	NCAA Championships (Greenville, S.C.)	TBA

Cross Country team opens 1997 season: The University of Minnesota cross country team begins its 1997 season at the Lester Park Invitational (formerly the UMD Invitational) in Duluth, Minn., Saturday, Sept. 12. The 8,000-meter race featuring 10 teams begins at 11:15 a.m.

Captain Riter: Senior **TONY RITER** (Shoreview, Minn.) will captain the 1997 squad. Riter was the highest-placing Golden Gopher at last season's NCAA District IV Championships, finishing 37th (31:58). He competed in every race last season, placing as high as fourth at the Marathon Sports 5K (15:34)

What the Future may hold: Second-year head coach **STEVE PLASENCIA** will lead a team equal with veteran and newcomer talent into the 1997 season when it competes in its first race Saturday. Following a seventh-place finish at the Big Ten Championships, the goal of this season's squad is to place in the upper echelon of the conference and run well in its first season in District V. The Golden Gophers previously ran in District IV, taking ninth last year.

A team laden with well-balanced runners, the season will be the only telling factor of how leadership will shake down the roster. Expected to lead the team's performance are returners **RON HOFFNER** (Jr., Brooklyn Park, Minn.) and **TODD LANDGRAFF** (Jr., St. Peter, Minn.). Each ran every meet of the season, with Hoffner placing as high as eighth and Landgraff turning in two fifth-place races in 1996. Returning to the lineup following a redshirt season are proven track distance runners **NATE CLAY** (So., Eden Prairie, Minn.) and **JASON OWEN** (Fr., Stewartville, Minn.). Both should provide considerable talent in their return.

Plasencia should have success with his incoming class bringing in five transfer student-athletes to enhance the young group. Senior **CHAD JOHNSON** will be an immediate impact on the team after taking fifth at the NCAA District III Championships with the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. Also adding immediate talent will be true freshman **JOEY CORR** (Redmond, Wash.), who was one of the nation's top 30 distance runners his senior year.

Last season's UMD Invitational: **JEREMY POLSON** (So., Duluth, Minn.) is the Golden Gopher's highest returning finisher from last season as the University of Minnesota won the UMD Invitational. The U of M placed four athletes in the field's top five.

Still going: Head Coach **STEVE PLASENCIA** proved once a runner, always a runner. Plasencia won the 16th Annual City of Lakes 25-kilometer race Sunday, Sept. 7, run around Lake Calhoun and Lake Harriet in Minneapolis. His 1:18.38 time set a masters record, after topping the previous time of 1:21.24, but the official word won't be recorded until course officials decide if the reconstructed route is equivalent to the old one. A new route was designed after a road washout forced organizers to carve a new link between the lakes.

Quoting Coach Plasencia: "My goal is to be in the upper division of our conference this year. We're moving in the right direction and we hope to take another two-place jump in the standings. I think it's possible if we put all of our efforts into accomplishing that."

1996 TOP FINISHES

Name	Top Time	Top Place
Chris Anderson	26:09 -- Roy Griak (85th)	7th -- N. Iowa (26:29.1)
Eric Hartmark	26:57 -- Roy Griak (127th)	10th -- UMD (27:03)
Ron Hoffner	26:44 -- Big Tens (63rd)	5th -- UMD (27:18)
Todd Landgraff	25:28 -- UMD (5th)	5th -- UMD (25:28)
Charles McClure	26:26.6 -- Big Tens (51st)	9th -- N. Iowa (26:58.2)
Jeremy Polson	25:27 -- Roy Griak (44th)	3rd -- N. Iowa (26:01.2)
		UMD (26:22)
Tony Riter	25:44 -- Roy Griak (62nd)	4th -- UMD (26:23)
Chuck Smith	27:43 -- UMD (17th)	14th -- N. Iowa (27:50.6)
Phil Smith	27:36 -- UMD (16th)	16th -- UMD (27:36)
Mike Stoick	26:41 -- Big Tens (46th)	46th -- Big Tens (26:41)

Does not include the Marathon Sports 5K where all athletes ran unattached.

1997 CROSS COUNTRY ROSTER

Name	Year	Hometown (High School)
Chris Andersen	So	Chisago City, Minn.
Joshua Brang	Fr	Winona, Minn.
Nate Clay	So	Eden Prairie, Minn. (Rochester Adams)
Joey Corr	Fr.	Redmond, Wash.
Marshall Donnerbauer	So.	Chetek, Wis.
Eric Hartmark	So	Duluth, Minn. (East)
Ron Hoffner	Jr	Brooklyn Park, Minn. (Park Central)
Andy Hopko	Fr	Big Lake, Minn.
Chad Johnson	Sr	Chetek, Wis.
Dan Johnson	Fr.	Yankton, S.D.
Todd Landgraff	Jr	St. Peter, Minn. (Mankato West)
Charles McClure	So	Brookfield, Wis. (Central)
Jason Owen	So	Stewartville, Minn.
Eric Pierce	Jr	Forest Lake, Minn.
Jeremy Polson	So	Duluth, Minn.
Tony Riter (C)	Sr	Shoreview, Minn. (Mounds View)
Chris Rogers	Fr	Moorhead, Minn.
Chuck Smith	Fr	Lakeville, Minn.
Phil Smith	Fr	Lakeville, Minn.
Michael Stoick	Jr	St. Michael, Minn.



1997-98 GOLF SCHEDULE

Sept. 14-15	ReliaStar Collegiate Invitational (Dellwood Hills, Minn.)	8:00 a.m.
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Oct. 6-7	at Nike Northwest Classic (Corvallis, Ore.)	TBA
Oct. 10-11	at Coca-Cola Classic (Las Cruces, N.M.)	TBA
Feb. 15-16	at Bridges All-American Collegiate (Bay St. Louis, Miss.)	TBA
Feb. 23-24	at Puerto Rico Challenge (Rio Mar, P.R.)	TBA
Mar. 23-24	at Georgia Tech Invitational (Atlanta, Ga.)	TBA
Mar. 28-29	at Dr. Pepper Intercollegiate (Denton, Texas)	TBA
Apr. 10-11	at Marshall Invitational (Huntington, W.Va.)	TBA
May 2-3	at Wolverine Invitational (Ann Arbor, Mich.)	TBA
May 8-10	at Big Ten Championships (East Lansing, Mich.)	TBA
May 13-15	at NCAA Central Regionals (TBA)	TBA
May 22-24	at NCAA Championships	TBA

Golf team hosts ReliaStar Invitational: The University of Minnesota, in conjunction with ReliaStar Financial Corp., will host the second annual ReliaStar Collegiate Golf Invitational, Sept. 13-15, at Dellwood Hills Golf Club in Dellwood, Minn. The 54-hole event, hosted by the University of Minnesota, will feature teams from some of the most successful programs in collegiate golf. Iowa State, UCLA, LSU, Penn State, Purdue, Michigan, Oklahoma, Texas-El Paso, Miami of Ohio, Oregon State, and Southern Mississippi are the 11 teams that are scheduled to compete in the tournament in addition to the host Golden Gophers. The field was chosen on the basis of national rankings and geographic diversity.

The event begins on Sat., Sept. 13 with a shotgun practice round for the participating teams at 7:45 a.m. There will be a golf clinic at 9:30 a.m., sponsored by the Fairway Foundation. The day continues with a college-amateur fund-raising event at 1 p.m. The event will feature one or two players from each team competing with area amateurs. The day concludes with a dinner and social gathering at 7 p.m. at Dellwood Hills for all players in the tournament and that day's College-Am.

Sunday tees off the collegiate competition with 36 holes of two-some play. The final 18 holes of the tournament will be played in threesomes on Monday.

"We are very excited about the opportunity to continue our relationship with ReliaStar surrounding this premier event," Director of Men's Intercollegiate Athletics Mark Dienhart said. "This outstanding

tournament is just another example of the improved quality and direction of our golf program."

The tournament, which is being held at the par-72, 7,118-yard Dellwood Hills Golf Club, will be administered by the Minnesota Golf Association (MGA). The event is a fundraiser for the University of Minnesota Men's golf program, and all logistics and planning are being handled by the Golden Gopher Golf Booster Club.

Previewing the field: Nine of the 12 teams in this season's event qualified for the NCAA Tournament in 1996, with three teams placing at the NCAA Championships. The highest finish of those squads was by Louisiana State University. The Tigers return five starters from last year's team that finished 18th at the NCAA Championships in Lake Forest, Ill. LSU placed third in last season's ReliaStar Collegiate.

Michigan head coach Jim Carras faces the daunting task of replacing three key starters off last year's team which advanced to the NCAA Championships for the first time in nearly 30 years.

The two returning starters are redshirt junior Michael Harris and fifth-year senior Isaac Hinkle. Harris was one of only two players to compete in every round for Michigan and tied for second on the team last with a 74.2 scoring average.

With one of the youngest lineups in college golf, UCLA Head Coach Brad Sherfy returns all five starters and looks to capitalize on the success his young team experienced last spring. On the season the Bruins recorded four top five finishes and surprised the field at the NCAA West Regional by capturing sixth place to advance to the finals.

Senior Kyle Voska leads six returnees as Miami (Ohio) attempts to improve on their seventh-place finish in last year's ReliaStar Collegiate Invitational. The Cincinnati, Ohio, native, who paced the Redhawks with a 73.51 stroke average last season, tied for sixth place individually at the 1996 tournament with an even 216 and finished in a tie for 22nd at the NCAA Central Regional.

Iowa State returns five letterwinners from last year's squad that finished 14th at the NCAA Central Regional Championships. Heading the list of returnees is senior Jason Knutzon. Knutzon began the 1997-98 year with a career stroke average of 74.4. The Eagle Grove, Iowa, native finished tied for 18th at the NCAA Central Regional with a three-round, even par score of 216.

The Oklahoma Sooners bring a deep, experienced team to their first appearance in the ReliaStar. Oklahoma returns 12 from the 1996-97 squad that finished 11th at the NCAA Central Regional that the Sooners hosted at their home course. Oklahoma had eight top 10 finishes last season.

After losing four seniors to graduation, including their No. 1 player, the Oregon State Beavers look to the young guns to carry the load this season. Last year, the Beavers finished in the top 10 at six tournaments and advanced to postseason play for the third time in four seasons, finishing 16th in the NCAA West Regional.

The Penn State Nittany Lions hope to make their second straight appearance in the ReliaStar a memorable one. But coach Greg Nye has a big hole to fill in his lineup left by honorable mention All-American Adam Decker who won a school-record tying eight tournaments and led Penn State to last year's 14th-place finish at the NCAA East Regional in Hot Springs, Va.

Up and coming programs Purdue, Southern Mississippi, and Texas-El Paso round out what should be the most exciting and hotly contested ReliaStar Collegiate Invationals in history.

At last season's ReliaStar: The University of Minnesota captured first place after finishing eight strokes ahead of Northwestern with a 873 stroke total (9-over par). **ROB KERR** (Sr., Pointe Claire, Quebec) was the top U of M golfer, tying for the individual title with a 3-under par 216. **MARTIN LE MESURIER** (So., South Hampton, England), the 1996 Big Ten Freshman of the Year, was the U of M's next best returning finisher at 13th (224).



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Wednesday, September 17:

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Thursday, September 18:

Sophomore strong safety **Tyrone Carter**

Friday, September 19:

Senior wide receiver **Greg Nelson**

Saturday-Sunday, September 20-21:

Football Coach **Glen Mason's** postgame Memphis news conference

Saturday, Sept. 20

• Football

at Memphis
 Liberty Bowl
 WCCO-AM (830)
 Midwest Sports Channel
 6 p.m.

GOPHER REVIEW

A quick reference recap of what went on last week in Golden Gopher sports:

Sport	Result
<u>Cross Country</u>	1st, Lester Park Invitational (Duluth, Minn.) <i>top performer: Jeremy Polson</i> -- won the Lester Park Invitational individual crown; set a new course record with a time of 25:36.8
<u>Football</u>	W, 53-29, vs. Iowa State (Metrodome) <i>top performer: Tutu Atwell</i> -- 5/44, 1 TD (receiving), 2 TDs returned off kickoff (ties an NCAA record and sets Big Ten record), Big Ten record 225 kickoff return yards; Thomas Hamner -- 14/89, 2 TDs (rushing)
<u>Golf</u>	1st, ReliaStar Collegiate Golf Invitational (Dellwood Hills, Minn.) <i>top performer: Rob Kerr</i> -- won the ReliaStar individual crown with a 7-under par 216.

GOLDY'S GUIDE TO SURFING

Information on the Golden Gophers and all of college athletics can be accessed through the Internet. The following is a short list of websites for those interested in surfing the net for a host of up-to-date notes, statistics, results and press releases:

- Golden Gophers: www.gophersports.com
- Big Ten Conference: www.bigten.org
- NCAA: www.ncaa.org
- USA Today (college sports): www.usatoday.com/sports/colfront.htm
- ESPN SportsZone: espnnet.sportszone.com
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Oct. 18	at Iowa State Classic (Ames, Iowa)	10:30 a.m.
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THE NEXT BATTLE: The Golden Gophers' next competition of the 1997 season will be the Roy Griak Invitational, hosted by Minnesota on Saturday, Sept. 27. The race starts at 9:30 a.m. with Division II and III schools, and features every level of both men's and women's cross country from high school to Division I. The Golden Gophers take their mark at noon. This week, the U of M is idle.

ON THE RIGHT FOOT: Minnesota's cross country team started its season with a first-place finish at the Lester Park Invitational on Sat., Sept. 13 with 15 points. The Golden Gophers swept the first through eighth places, taking 10 of the first 11 finishes, and placing 46 points ahead of second-place St. John's.

POL(E)-POSITION: Minnesota harrier **JEREMY POLSON** (So., Duluth, Minn.) captured the Lester Park Invitational crown as he ran a course-record 25:36.8. Polson topped teammate **CHAD JOHNSON** (Sr., Chetek, Wis.) by about 30 seconds to garner first place. It was the first title of Polson's collegiate career, after taking home two third-place finishes a year ago.

AFTER ONE WEEK OF COMPETITION

(a look back at each runner's performance)

Name	Time	Place
Josh Brang	26:44.2	11th
Matt Carter	27:09.4	18th
Joey Corr	26:13.8	5th
Marshall Donnerbauer	27:02.9	15th
Eric Hartmark	26:30.4	7th
Ron Hoffner	28:05.6	34th
Chad Johnson	26:05.1	2nd
Todd Landgraff	26:40.6	10th
Charles McClure	26:08.7	3rd
Eric Pierce	26:18.1	6th
Jeremy Polson	25:36.8	1st
Tony Riter	26:34.0	8th
Chris Rogers	27:36.7	26th
Chuck Smith	28:23.5	43rd
Phil Smith	28:04.1	32nd
Mike Stoick	26:09.7	4th

CAREER CHARTERS: Both **ERIC HARTMARK** (So., Duluth, Minn.) and **CHARLES McCLURE** (So., Brookfield, Wis.) improved their career collegiate times. Hartmark returned to his hometown to run a personal collegiate-best 26:30.4 and take seventh place, while McClure posted a collegiate career-best time of 26:08.7, good for third place.



GOLF

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May 13-15	at NCAA Central Regionals (TBA)	TBA
May 22-24	at NCAA Championships (Albuquerque, N.M.)	TBA

RECAPPING THE RELIASTAR STAR: All four of Minnesota's golfers fired under par rounds on Monday afternoon as the Golden Gophers stormed to the team championship of the 1997 ReliaStar Collegiate Invitational at Dellwood Hills Golf Club in Dellwood, Minn. The Golden Gophers also won last season's ReliaStar, which was held at Hazeltine National. Minnesota finished the two-day event with a sparkling nine-under par team score of 855.

Golden Gopher captain **ROB KERR** (Sr., Pointe Claire), who posted scores of 70 and 68 in the tourney's first two rounds, captured

Golf continued on next page

RELIA STAR HIGHLIGHTS

(individual performances from the tournament)

Name	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Total	+/- Par	Place
Rob Kerr	70	68	71	209	-7	1st
Jeff Barney*	71	73	70	214	-2	T4th
Andy Komor	72	71	72	215	-1	T6th
Bill Thompson	71	73	71	215	-1	T6th
Justin Royer*	72	77	69	218	+2	T15th
Bob Brink*	75	72	72	219	+3	T20th
Adam Dooley	74	77	70	221	+5	T28
Martin Le Mesurier	78	74	70	222	+6	T32nd
Matt Burgess*	76	76	71	223	+7	T37th
Santiago Fernandez	83	83	78	224	+28	64th

* competed unattached

medalist honors for the second straight season with a final round 71 for a 54-hole total of 7-under par 209. **ADAM DOOLEY** (Jr., Albany, Minn.) and **MARTIN LE MESURIER** (So., Hampshire, England) led Minnesota's final day performance with a pair of two-under par 70 scores. **BILL THOMPSON** (Jr., Naples, Fla.) matched Kerr's 71, while **ANDY KOMOR** (Jr., New Brighton, Minn.) shot an even par 72. The top four of five scores on each team count toward the team totals in the 54-hole event.

The top four teams from day one all held position after Monday's final round. Louisiana State University, which held the 36-hole lead after Sunday's action, finished second with a score of 1-under par 863. Oklahoma held third place with a 1-over par score of 865, while individual runner-up B.J. Schlagenhauf led UCLA to a fourth-place score of 868.

Minnesota owned four of the top nine scores on the leaderboard at the end of the tournament, thanks to some good play by individuals who were competing as non-team members. **JEFF BARNEY** (Jr., Appleton, Minn.) finished in a tie for fourth (71-73-70), joining Komor and Thompson in the top ten. Komor and Thompson finished in a tie for sixth individually.

SEE YOU ON THE LINKS: Minnesota has this weekend off to prepare for its next competition. The Golden Gophers will return to action Sept. 27-28 at the Northern Invitational in East Lansing, Mich.

REPEAT PERFORMANCE: This is the second-straight season Kerr has taken the ReliaStar crown. Last season Kerr shared the title, but this time, after taking four strokes off his 1996 score, he stood alone on the winner's podium. This season's opening victory is even sweeter for Kerr after he battled back from suffering a late-summer stroke which hospitalized him for 13 days. Kerr finished second on team average last year after a 1995-96 All-America season, and looks poised to close out his final collegiate year in fine fashion.

RELIA STAR TEAM RESULTS

Place	Team	Scores			
1.	Minnesota, Univ. of	287	286	282	855
2.	Louisiana State Univ.	291	280	292	863
3.	Oklahoma, Univ. of	286	289	290	865
4.	UCLA	285	292	291	868
5.	Miami of Ohio	291	293	291	875
6.	Oregon State U.	286	296	297	879
7.	Texas El Paso, Univ. of	288	305	293	886
8.	Iowa State Univ.	291	302	295	888
9.	Michigan, Univ. of	296	301	292	891
10.	Penn State Univ.	299	300	292	889
11.	Southern Mississippi	305	299	294	898
12.	Purdue University	305	304	294	903



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Tuesday, September 23:

Football Coach **Glen Mason's** media luncheon (by 1:00 p.m., CST)

Wednesday, September 24:

Senior quarterback **Cory Sauter**

Thursday, September 25:

Cross Country Coach **Steve Plasencia** previews the Roy Griak Invitational

Friday, September 26:

Senior defensive end **Lamanzer Williams**

Saturday-Sunday, September 26-27:

Football Coach **Glen Mason's** postgame Houston news conference

Saturday, Sept. 27

Sat.-Sun.,
Sept. 27-28

• **Cross Country**

Roy Griak Invitational
 Les Bolstad
 Cross Country Course
 11 a.m. (Division I)
 (competition starts at
 9:30 a.m. with Div. II and III)

• **Football**

vs. Houston
 Metrodome
 WCCO-AM (830)
 Midwest Sports Channel
 6 p.m.

• **Golf**

at Northern Invitational
 Forest Akers Golf Course
 East Lansing, Mich.
 9 a.m.

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GOLDY'S GUIDE TO SURFING

Information on the Golden Gophers and all of college athletics can be accessed through the Internet. The following is a short list of websites for those interested in surfing the net for a host of up-to-date notes, statistics, results and press releases:

- Golden Gophers: www.gopherssports.com
- Big Ten Conference: www.bigten.org
- NCAA: www.ncaa.org
- USA Today (college sports): www.usatoday.com/sports/colfront.htm
- ESPN SportsZone: espnnet.sportszone.com
- CNN/SI: www.cnn.com



CROSS COUNTRY

1997 CROSS COUNTRY SCHEDULE

Sept. 12	Lester Park Invite (Duluth, Minn.)	1st/11; 15 pts.
Sept. 27	Roy Griak Invitational (Les Bolstad U of M Golf Course)	Noon
Oct. 11	at Maine Black Bear Invitational	TBA
Oct. 18	at Iowa State Classic (Ames, Iowa)	10:30 a.m.
Oct. 25	Marathon Sports 5K (Les Bolstad U of M Golf Course)	11:00 a.m.
Nov. 1	Big Ten Championships (Columbus, Ohio)	11 a.m.
Nov. 15	Dist. 5 Championships (Ames, Iowa)	11 a.m.
Nov. 24	NCAA Championships (Greenville, S.C.)	TBA

HOME COOKIN': The Golden Gophers will host the Roy Griak Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 27 at the Les Bolstad Cross Country Course. The Invitational, named for former Minnesota Head Cross Country Coach Roy Griak, features both men's and women's competition as well as Minnesota high school boys and girls.

RACE BREAK DOWN: There will be 12 teams competing at the Division I level in the men's Gold Race which begins at 11:00 a.m. The actual meet starts at 9:30 a.m. with the men's Maroon Race, featuring 23 schools from Divisions II, III and the NAIA. Following the men's Maroon Race, is the women's Maroon Race at 10:15 a.m., the men's Gold Race at 11:00 a.m. and women's Gold Race at noon. The day's events will be capped off with the boys' high school race at 1:00 p.m. and girls' high school race at 2:00 p.m.

JUST HOW FAR?: A quick look at the race distances for Saturday: Men's: 8K; Women's and Boys': 5K; Girls': 3K

RECAPING LAST YEAR'S RESULTS: South Dakota State captured the men's Division II and III race with 64 points. The Jackrabbits will be on hand to defend their title as the NAIA enters the competition for the first time. In the Division I race, it was Big Ten rival Wisconsin with the team victory (79 pts.) for the third straight time last season. The defending conference champions will be back on Saturday to try and win for the fourth time.

Individually, Joey Keillor of Mankato State took the Division II and III race crown, while Jonah Kiptarus of Nebraska took the Division I title. Mankato State will not be at the 1997 race, but the Cornhuskers will be back.

The Roy Griak Division I Teams

Air Force	Weber State
Clemson	Wyoming
Colorado State	Wisconsin
DePaul	
Iowa State	
Kansas State	
Minnesota	
Nebraska	
N. Arizona	
Providence	

The Roy Griak Div. II, III, NAIA Teams

Augustana	Moorhead State
Bethel	North Dakota
Carleton	North Dakota St.
Concordia-Moor.	Northern State
Concordia-StP	Ottawa (KS)
Crown College	Pittsburg St (KS)
Dana College	St. Cloud State
Hamline	St. Thomas
Hastings	Wartburg Coll.
Lake Superior St	UW-Lacrosse
Minn.-Duluth	UW-River Falls



GOLF

1997-98 GOLF SCHEDULE

Sept. 14-15	ReliaStar Collegiate Invitational (Dellwood Hills, Minn.)	8:00 a.m.
Sept. 27-28	at Northern Invitational (East Lansing, Mich.)	TBA
Oct. 6-7	at Nike Northwest Classic (Corvallis, Ore.)	TBA
Oct. 10-11	at Coca-Cola Classic (Las Cruces, N.M.)	TBA
Feb. 15-16	at Bridges All-American Collegiate (Bay St. Louis, Miss.)	TBA
Feb. 23-24	at Puerto Rico Challenge (Rio Mar, P.R.)	TBA
Mar. 23-24	at Georgia Tech Invitational (Atlanta, Ga.)	TBA
Mar. 28-29	at Dr. Pepper Intercollegiate (Denton, Texas)	TBA
Apr. 10-11	at Marshall Invitational (Huntington, W.Va.)	TBA
May 2-3	at Wolverine Invitational (Ann Arbor, Mich.)	TBA
May 8-10	at Big Ten Championships (East Lansing, Mich.)	TBA
May 13-15	at NCAA Central Regionals (TBA)	TBA
May 22-24	at NCAA Championships (Albuquerque, N.M.)	TBA

LUCK ON THE LINKS: The Minnesota golf team will resume play this coming weekend, Sept. 27-28, at the Northern Intercollegiate Invitational in East Lansing, Mich. After winning the ReliaStar two weeks ago, the Golden Gophers will hope for more stellar play at Forest Akers West Golf Course following time off this past weekend.

BY THE NUMBERS: Forest Akers West, located on the outskirts of Michigan State University's campus, features over 7,000 yards of golf course. The front nine and back nine par is 36, with a total course par of 72.



TENNIS

1997 TENNIS FALL SCHEDULE

Oct. 2-5	National Clay Courts (Orlando, Fla.)	TBA
Oct. 3-5	Lee Michaels-ROLEX Classic (Lafayette, La.)	TBA
Oct. 9-10	Thunderbird Collegiate Invite (Tempe, Az.)	TBA
Oct. 16-19	All-America Tournament (Austin, Tx.)	TBA
Oct. 24-26	Florida State (Tallahassee, Fla.)	TBA
Oct. 31-		
Nov. 3	Rolex Region IV Tournament (Champaign, Ill.)	9 a.m.
Nov. 8-9	Ice Volleys (Burnsville, Minn.)	TBA

All fall tournaments are individual events. There are no team scores kept.

THE SKINNY: The Golden Gopher tennis team opened its fall tournament schedule at the University of New Mexico Alumni Coaches Team Challenge this past weekend, Sept. 19-21. No team scores were kept, but Minnesota had a strong turn out in the four-team invitational with three singles players and a double team advancing to the finals of their respective brackets. Next up for Minnesota will be a pair of tournaments over the weekend of Oct. 2-5. The squad will send some players to the exclusive National Clay Courts in Orlando, Fla., while others will participate at the Lee Michaels-ROLEX Tennis Classic in Lafayette, La.

GOLD COIN: TOM CHICOINE (Jr., Neenah, Wis.), Minnesota's top returning singles player stormed through the main draw before falling in the finals to New Mexico's Assaf Drori, 7-6, 7-5. He knocked off four competitors in the tournament's top bracket, including teammate **MARTIN MICHALOWSKI** (So., Ottawa, Ontario), 6-3, 4-6, 7-5. Chicoine closed out the 1996-97 season with a team-leading 30 wins (30-10) after playing most of the year at No. 2 singles (15-7). He is slated for the No. 1 position this coming season.

FABULOUS FRESHMEN: Newcomers **TYSON PARRY** (Chatham, Ontario) and **JORGE DUENAS** (Panama City, Panama) broke into the collegiate scene in style in New Mexico. Parry advanced to the finals of his consolation bracket and paired with Michalowski to win the consolation doubles title with a 6-2, 6-4 win over Takeshi Itoh and Chris Bjorkman of New Mexico. Duenas played his way to the semifinals of his respective consolation bracket and teamed with Chicoine to advanced to the semifinals of the main doubles draw.

THE FUTURE OF THE FROSH: Head Coach **DAVID GEATZ** is excited about the future of his incoming freshman class. The four newcomers, according to Geatz, comprise the Big Ten's top recruiting class and the strongest first-year group Minnesota has ever seen. The members of the Golden Gopher's newest group are: **JORGE DUENAS** (Panama City, Panama), the No. 1 player on the

Dominican Republic's Davis Cup Team; **ED MARQUES** (Brasilia, Brazil), the top-ranked junior player in Florida; **TYSON PARRY** (Chatham, Ontario), Canada's top-ranked junior player; **JONAS SVENSSON** (Kristianstad, Sweden). Sweden's No. 8 junior.

WE HAVE A WINNER: ADAM SELKIRK (Jr., St. Joseph, Mo.) took the singles consolation title with a 6-3, 1-6, 6-3 victory over New Mexico's Nicholas Dubey at the invitational this past weekend. Selkirk finished last season with a 21-15 mark, with the majority of his competition at No. 4 singles (10-5). Selkirk will most likely play in the No. 4 spot again this season.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA 1997-98 MEN'S TENNIS RESULTS

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Singles	Overall	Dual	Tourn.
Tom Chicoine	4-1		4-1
Jorge Duenas	2-2		2-2
Jon Svensson	1-2		1-2
Adam Selkirk	4-1		4-1
Martin Michalowski	2-1		2-1
Tyson Parry	3-2		3-2
Aaron Dvorak	1-3		1-3
Martin Kristoffersen			
Ed Marques	0-3		0-3
Emuejevoke Okoh			

Doubles	Overall	Dual	Tourn.
Marques/Dvorak	1-1		1-1
Chicoine/Duenas	2-1		2-1
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Sun., Oct. 5

- **Tennis** (split squad) at Lee Michaels Classic Lafayette, La. All Day

Sat., Oct. 4

- **Football** at Michigan St. East Lansing, Mich. MSC (DB 9 p.m.) WCCO Radio (830) Noon

- **Tennis** (split squad) at Lee Michaels Classic Lafayette, La. All Day

DID YOU KNOW?

Senior golfer **Rob Kerr** has won both of the tournaments he has played in with Minnesota this season? Kerr won the ReliaStar, U of M's host tournament, on Sept. 15 and most recently captured the Northern Intercollegiate title in East Lansing, Mich. on Sept. 28.

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Saturday-Sunday, October 4-5:
 Football Coach **Glen Mason**, Michigan State postgame comments

CROSS COUNTRY

UP AND COMING: The University of Minnesota will not compete this weekend, Oct. 4-5, but the Golden Gophers will be back in action Saturday, Oct. 11, at the Maine Black Bear Invitational in Bangor, Maine.

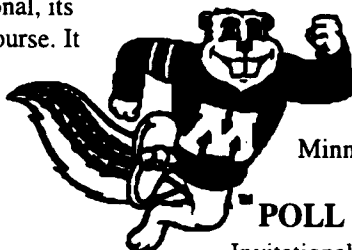
CRASHING THEIR OWN PARTY: The Golden Gophers knocked off four nationally-ranked teams in its third-place finish in the Gold Race (Division I) at the Roy Griak Invitational, its host event, Saturday, Sept. 27 at Les Bolstad Golf Course. It was the highest finish ever by Minnesota in the country's largest collegiate cross country event. The 117 points U of M garnered was due to ninth, 16th, 27th, 32nd and 33rd-place individual finishes. The highest any runner had finished in the past was 10th, when Keith Eidman placed 10th in 1989 and Paul Gisselquist took 10th in 1986. The best team finish prior to Saturday was fourth in 1989 (122). Minnesota is currently unranked and finished ahead of No. 10 Providence (7th), No. 11 Northern Arizona (11th), No. 14 Iowa State (4th) and No. 15 Nebraska (9th) on Saturday.

PULLING FOR POLSON: Sophomore **JEREMY POLSON** (Duluth, Minn.) was the top runner for Minnesota for the second straight meet. The Duluth-Denfield High School graduate placed ninth, the highest finish by a U of M runner in eight years, with a time of 24:58.5. Polson was running with some elite company as

each of the runners who finished ahead of him are members of ranked teams.

IMMEDIATE IMPACT: While Polson has been the Golden Gophers No. 1 runner, transfer **CHAD JOHNSON** (Sr., Chetek, Wis.) has been right behind him. The Division III All-American from Wisconsin-Stevens Point has finished second to Polson in both 1997 meets. Saturday, Johnson helped the Golden Gophers in points with his 16th-place finish (25:11.3).

NOT TO BE FORGOTTEN: Eight Golden Gopher runners competed in the Maroon Race at the Roy Griak Invitational under the alias "Team Minnesota." Although the team didn't place as a group, redshirt freshman **NATE CLAY** (Eden Prairie, Minn.) was the top finisher at 16th (26:12.5).



POLL WATCH: After its showing at the Roy Griak Invitational, Minnesota has a good shot at cracking the nation's top 25. The poll will be available Tuesday afternoon via internet at: www.infosys.ilstu.edu/Redbirds/TF/XCPoll.html.

SCOREBOARD

	UMD	Griak
Josh Brang	26:44.2 (11th)	26:17.1 (71st)
Matt Carter	27:09.4 (18th)	26:44.8 (32nd)#
Nate Clay	27:28.3 (21st)	26:12.5 (16th)#
Joey Corr	26:13.8 (5th)	DNC
M. Donnerbauer	27:02.9 (15th)	27:31.5 (87th)#
Eric Hartmark	26:30.4 (7th)	25:53.3 (57th)
Ron Hoffner	28:05.6 (34th)	DNC
Chad Johnson	26:05.1 (2nd)	25:11.3 (16th)
Todd Landgraff	26:40.6 (10th)	25:44.9 (47th)
Charles McClure	26:08.7 (3rd)	25:23.9 (27th)
Jason Owen	DNC	27:27.4 (77th)
Eric Pierce	26:18.1 (6th)	25:30.2 (33rd)
Jeremy Polson	25:36.8* (1st)	24:58.5 (9th)
Tony Riter	26:34.0 (8th)	26:08.4 (70th)
Chris Rogers	27:36.7 (26th)	27:25.2 (70th)#
Chuck Smith	28:23.5 (43rd)	27:13.8 (61st)#
Phil Smith	28:04.1 (32nd)	26:52.0 (40th)#
Mike Stoick	26:09.7 (4th)	25:28.3 (32nd)

* new Lester Park course record (Duluth, Minn.)

ran the Maroon Race as "Team Minnesota"

LAST TIME

ROY GRIAK INVITATIONAL GOLD RACE (St. Paul, Minn.) Sept. 27, 1997

Place	Team	Points	Place of Finishers				
1	Wisconsin	68	4	8	13	20	23
2	Weber State	86	6	11	12	16	31
3	Minnesota	117	9	16	27	32	33
4	Iowa State	121	2	14	22	24	59
5	E. Michigan	168	10	29	37	42	50
6	Illinois State	200	15	21	43	48	73
7	Providence	203	1	36	49	56	61
8	Colorado St.	209	19	34	41	52	63
9	Nebraska	212	3	5	58	67	79
10	Air Force	226	38	39	40	45	64
11	N. Arizona	252	7	30	44	77	94
12	Boston Coll.	265	18	51	60	65	71
13	Wyoming	287	17	54	62	76	78
14	Kansas State	319	35	46	74	81	83
15	Marquette	377	53	72	75	84	93

TOP MINNESOTA RUNNERS (Gold Race)

Place	Runner	Time
9	Polson	24:58.5
16	C. Johnson	25:11.3
27	McClure	25:23.9
32	Stoick	25:28.3
33	Pierce	25:30.2
47	Landgraff	25:44.9
57	Hartmark	25:53.3

GOLF

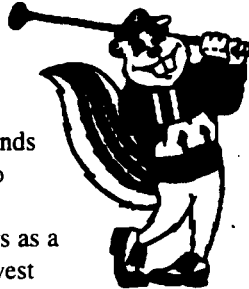
PAR "V" FOR THE COURSE: Senior captain **ROB KERR** (Pointe Claire, Quebec) won his second tournament in as many outings in the fall season to help lead the University of Minnesota men's golf team to a second-place tie Sunday in the final round of the Northern Intercollegiate Invitational at the Forest Akers Golf Club in East Lansing, Mich. Kerr fired a final round 1-under par 71 to win the event by two shots with a 6-under par total of 210.

Kerr, who blistered the course in Saturday's second round with a 7-under par 65 following an opening round 74, won individual medalist honors in the ReliaStar Collegiate Invitational at Dellwood Golf Club two weekends ago. The senior from Pointe Claire, Quebec, Canada, who suffered a stroke while playing in Michigan less than two months ago, was an All-American for the Golden Gophers as a sophomore. His 65 on Saturday was the tournament's lowest round by three shots and was one of only four sub-70 rounds on the weekend in the field of 90 golfers.

IN THE CLUBHOUSE: Kent State University won the event as a team with a 4-over par 868 total in the 54-hole event. The Golden Gophers tied with Miami of Ohio for second with a 14-over par score of 878. Minnesota was the highest placing team among the nine Big Ten teams at the tournament.

TOP TWENTY FINISHERS: Golden Gopher sophomore Martin LeMesurier, junior Andy Komor, and junior Bill Thompson were the next Minnesota players on the leaderboard after Kerr with 7-over par totals of 223 to tie for 18th individually.

INTO THE FUTURE: The University of Minnesota golf team gets back into action at the Nike Northwest Classic in Corvallis, Ore., on Monday-Tuesday, Oct. 6-7.



SCOREBOARD

TOP FIVE GOLFERS

	TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
1. Rob Kerr	ReliaStar Collegiate Invite	70/68/71	216	209/1st out of 65
Sept. 14-15				
Sept. 27-28	Northern Collegiate Invite	74/65/71	216	210/1st out of 90
Fall Rounds: 6	Strokes: 419	Average: 69.8		
2. Justin Royer	ReliaStar Collegiate Invite*	72/77/69	216	218/T15th out of 65
Sept. 14-15				
Fall Rounds: 3	Strokes: 218	Average: 72.7		
3. Bill Thompson	ReliaStar Collegiate Invite	71/73/71	216	215/T6th out of 65
Sept. 14-15				
Sept. 27-28	Northern Collegiate Invite	76/72/75	216	223/T18th out of 90
Fall Rounds: 6	Strokes: 438	Average: 73.0		
3. Andy Komor	ReliaStar Collegiate Invite	72/71/72	216	215/T6th out of 65
Sept. 14-15				
Sept. 27-28	Northern Collegiate Invite	74/73/76	216	223/T18th out of 90
Fall Rounds: 6	Strokes: 438	Average: 73.0		
3. Bob Brink	ReliaStar Collegiate Invite*	75/72/72	216	219/T20th out of 65
Sept. 14-15				
Fall Rounds: 3	Strokes: 219	Average: 73.0		

LAST TIME

NORTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE (East Lansing, Mich) (Sept. 27-28)

Teams	Scores		
Kent State University	286	289	293--868
Minnesota	296	288	294--878
Miami-Ohio	291	298	289--878
Ball State University	299	296	292--887
Michigan	292	296	300--888
Toledo	305	295	296--896
Xavier	298	300	299--897
Purdue	305	298	302--905
Eastern Michigan	304	299	307--910
Indiana	306	301	304--911
Michigan State	306	303	305--914
Wisconsin	310	297	312--919
Illinois	309	311	300--920
Iowa	305	307	309--921
Wright State University	308	309	305--922
Penn State	306	312	307--925
Marshall University	313	310	303--926

Top Golden Gopher Finishers

Players	Scores
Rob Kerr	74-65-71--210
Martin LeMesurier	72-78-73--223
Andy Komor	74-73-76--223
Bill Thompson	76-72-75--223
Jeff Barney	79-78-75--232

TENNIS

DUE SOUTH: The next tournament the University of Minnesota tennis team is set to conquer is the Lee Michaels-ROLEX Classic hosted by the University of Southwestern Louisiana in Lafayette, La., on Friday through Sunday, Oct. 3-5. No team scores will be kept, and only a handful of team members will participate.

The tournament will feature flights of singles and doubles players, each vying for his respective flight title. Thirteen schools will be in attendance, all of them, with the exception of Minnesota, are from south of the Mason-Dixon line, and 12 of which were ranked by the ITA at the end of last season. Included among the top competition is No. 7 Boise State, No. 9 Louisiana State and No. 10 Texas. The Golden Gophers finished at No. 46 last year.

Expected to compete for Minnesota are junior **MARTIN KRISTOFFERSEN** (Portsgrunn, Norway), sophomore **MARTIN MICHALOWSKI** (Ottawa, Ontario), and freshmen **ED MARQUES** (Brasillia, Brazil), **VAKE OKOH** (Plymouth, Minn.), **TYSON PARRY** (Chatham, Ontario) and **JON SVENSSON** (Kristianstad, Sweden).

CATCHING UP: Kristoffersen and Okoh will be seeing their first action of the season in Lafayette, La., this weekend. Kristoffersen finished the 1997 season with a 9-14 record, playing primarily at No. 6 singles where he posted a 5-3 record. He was 4-5

in tournament play in 1996. Okoh is in his first season with the Golden Gophers after playing tennis at Wayzata (Minn.) High School.

WAITING IN THE WINGS: Three of Minnesota's top players will sit out this weekend as they prepare for the Thunderbird Classic on Oct. 9-11, hosted by Arizona State University. Juniors **TOM CHICOINE** (Neenah, Wis.), **ADAM SELKIRK** (St. Joseph, Mo.) and freshman **JORGE DUENAS** (Dominican Republic) will travel to Tempe, Ariz. to compete.



SCOREBOARD

Singles	Overall	Dual	Tourn.	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6
Tom Chicoine	4-1		4-1						
Jorge Duenas	2-2		2-2						
Jon Svensson	1-2		1-2						
Adam Selkirk	4-1		4-1						
M. Michalowski	2-1		2-1						
Tyson Parry	3-2		3-2						
Aaron Dvorak	1-3		1-3						
M. Kristoffersen									
Ed Marques	0-3		0-3						
Vake Okoh									
Doubles	Overall	Dual	Tourn.	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6
Parry/Svensson									
Chicoine/Mich'ski									
Duenas/Selkirk									
Marques/Dvorak	1-1		1-1						
Chicoine/Duenas	2-1		2-1						
Michalowski/Parry	3-1		3-1						
Selkirk/Svensson	0-1		0-1						

LAST TIME

UNIV. OF NEW MEXICO ALUMNI COACHES TEAM CHALLENGE (Albuquerque, N.M.; Sept. 19-21)

Singles			
Player	Last Rd.	Result	Draw
Tom Chicoine	Finals	L-Assaf Drori, 7-6, 7-5	Main
Adam Selkirk	Finals	W-Nicholas Dubey, 6-3, 1-6, 6-2	Back
Jorge Duenas	Quarters	L-Nicholas Dubey, 1-6, 6-4, 6-3	Back
Tyson Parry	Finals	L-Gonzalo Anderson, 7-6, 1-6, 6-4	2nd Back
Ed Marques	Semifinals	L-Jason Noble, 6-3, 2-6, 7-6	3rd Back
Aaron Dvorak	Semifinals	L-Paco Paredes, 7-5, 6-1	3rd back
Jon Svensson	1st Round	L-Tony Young, 6-1, 3-6, 6-4	Back
Doubles			
Team	Last Rd.	Result	Draw
Chicoine/Duenas	Semifinals	L-Anderson/Lubin, 9-7	Main
Mich'ski/Parry	Finals	W-Itoh/Bjorkman, 6-2, 6-4	Back
Marques/Dvorak	Quarters	L-Anderson/Lubin, def.	Main
Selkirk/Svensson	Quarters	L-Contreras/Noble, 6-3, 6-1	Main



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All Day

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- **Golf** at Coca-Cola Classic
Las Cruces, N.M.
8:30 a.m./2:30 p.m.
- **Hockey** vs. Michigan (exh)
Hall of Fame Game
Target Center

Fri., Oct. 10

- **Tennis** at Thunderbird Classic
(split squad) Tempe, Ariz.
All Day

Sat., Oct. 11

- **Cross Country** at Murray Keatinge Inv.
Orono, Maine
10 a.m.
- **Football** vs. Purdue
Metrodome
MSC
WCCO-Radio (830)
6 p.m.
- **Golf** at Coca-Cola Classic
Las Cruces, N.M.
9:00 a.m.

MSC
KSTP-Radio (1500)
7:05 p.m.

DID YOU KNOW?

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Friday, October 10:
Senior hockey forward **Casey Hankinson**

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Hockey Coach **Doug Woog's** Michigan postgame comments

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CROSS COUNTRY

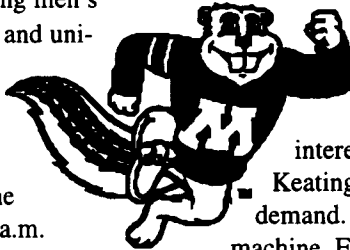
EAST COAST SWING: The men's cross country team travels to Orono, Maine, Saturday, Oct. 11, to compete at the Murray Keatinge Invitational, marking the first time the cross country team will compete on the East Coast in a regular-season invitational. The last time any Golden Gopher graced the East Coast was when Curt Kotsonas ran at the 1993 NCAA Championships in Lehigh, Pa.

MORE ON MAINE: Twenty-six teams, including men's and women's participants, from 16 different colleges and universities, will be on hand to compete in Maine • Eleven of the 16 hail from outside the New England Region • Schools in attendance from the Big Ten Conference include Michigan, the 1995 winner, Purdue, the 1992 winner, and Iowa • Stanford won the competition in 1996 • The men's race starts at 10:00 a.m.

IT'S GOOD TO BE RANKED: Although Minnesota isn't king of the course just yet, the good fortune of the nation's polls last week puts them in contention. The Golden Gophers entered the polls at No. 22, marking the first time in over 10 years that the U of M men's cross country team is among the top 25. The Golden Gophers knocked off four nationally-ranked teams in its third-place finish at the Roy Griak Invitational Saturday, Sept. 27.

PULLING FOR POLSON: Sophomore **JEREMY POLSON** (Duluth, Minn.) has been the top runner for Minnesota in both meets thus far. The Duluth-Denfield High School graduate placed ninth at the Roy Griak Invitational, the highest finish by a U of M runner in eight years, and set a new Lester Park Course record with his individual championship at the Lester Park Invitational in Duluth, Minn., Sept. 13. (25:36.8.).

POLL WATCH: Minnesota entered last week's national cross country poll at No. 22. To track the Golden Gophers' progress, you can access the poll every Tuesday afternoon via internet at:
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AND HOW ABOUT RESULTS?: For anyone interested in retrieving cross country results from the Murray Keatinge Invitational, scores will be available via fax-on-demand. Dial (201) 585-5405 from the handset of your fax machine. Enter document number 1672.

SCOREBOARD

	UMD	Griak
Josh Brang	26:44.2 (11th)	26:17.1 (71st)
Matt Carter	27:09.4 (18th)	26:44.8 (32nd)#
Nate Clay	27:28.3 (21st)	26:12.5 (16th)#
Joey Corr	26:13.8 (5th)	DNC
M. Donnerbauer	27:02.9 (15th)	27:31.5 (87th)#
Eric Hartmark	26:30.4 (7th)	25:53.3 (57th)
Ron Hoffner	28:05.6 (34th)	DNC
Chad Johnson	26:05.1 (2nd)	25:11.3 (16th)
Todd Landgraff	26:40.6 (10th)	25:44.9 (47th)
Charles McClure	26:08.7 (3rd)	25:23.9 (27th)
Jason Owen	DNC	27:27.4 (77th)
Eric Pierce	26:18.1 (6th)	25:30.2 (33rd)
Jeremy Polson	25:36.8* (1st)	24:58.5 (9th)
Tony Riter	26:34.0 (8th)	26:08.4 (70th)
Chris Rogers	27:36.7 (26th)	27:25.2 (70th)#
Chuck Smith	28:23.5 (43rd)	27:13.8 (61st)#
Phil Smith	28:04.1 (32nd)	26:52.0 (40th)#
Mike Stoick	26:09.7 (4th)	25:28.3 (32nd)

* new Lester Park course record (Duluth, Minn.)
ran the Maroon Race as "Team Minnesota"

LAST TIME

ROY GRIAK INVITATIONAL GOLD RACE (St. Paul, Minn.) Sept. 27, 1997

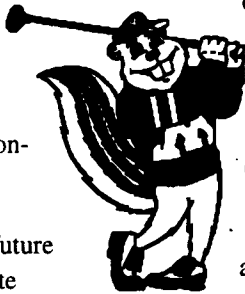
Place	Team	Points	Place of Finishers				
1	Wisconsin	68	4	8	13	20	23
2	Weber State	86	6	11	12	16	31
3	Minnesota	117	9	16	27	32	33
4	Iowa State	121	2	14	22	24	59
5	E. Michigan	168	10	29	37	42	50
6	Illinois State	200	15	21	43	48	73
7	Providence	203	1	36	49	56	61
8	Colorado St.	209	19	34	41	52	63
9	Nebraska	212	3	5	58	67	79
10	Air Force	226	38	39	40	45	64
11	N. Arizona	252	7	30	44	77	94
12	Boston Coll.	265	18	51	60	65	71
13	Wyoming	287	17	54	62	76	78
14	Kansas State	319	35	46	74	81	83
15	Marquette	377	53	72	75	84	93

TOP MINNESOTA RUNNERS (Gold Race)

Place	Runner	Time
9	Polson	24:58.5
16	C. Johnson	25:11.3
27	McClure	25:23.9
32	Stoick	25:28.3
33	Pierce	25:30.2
47	Landgraff	25:44.9
57	Hartmark	25:53.3

GOLF

DOUBLE DIP: The U of M golf team will take a stab at two tournaments in one week of action as it travels to Corvallis, Ore., for the Nike Northwest Classic, Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 6-7, and Las Cruces, N.M., for the Coca-Cola Classic Friday and Saturday, Oct. 10-11. Head Coach John Means will compete the same group of five golfers at both tournaments. Senior **ROB KERR** (Pointe-Claire, Quebec) will try for his third and fourth tournament titles of the fall, while **MARTIN LE MESURIER** (So., Hampshire, England), **ANDY KOMOR** (Jr., New Brighton, Minn.), **BILL THOMPSON** (Jr., Wayzata, Minn.) and **JEFF BARNEY** (Jr., Appleton, Minn.) will all try to lift the team to its third and fourth consecutive titles of the season.



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BEAVER DAM: Minnesota caught a glimpse of the future when the Golden Gophers and the Beavers of Oregon State shared the links at the ReliaStar Invitational, Sept. 14-15. While the U of M took first, OSU finished 6th, and the two teams again will match up in the field of 21 teams at the Nike Northwest Classic. Fourteen of the 21 teams are West Coast schools, while eight of those are from California. Two schools from Texas will be in attendance, while Drake and Minnesota represent the Midwest and Alabama-Birmingham is lone representative from the South. No. 19 Brigham Young will be on hand to defend its Nike title from a year ago.

NIKE NUMBERS: The Trysting Tree Golf Club features 7,100 yards of course and carries a par of 72. Each university will play a team of five golfers, with the four best scores per round accounting for the team's point total. Thirty-six holes will be played Monday, while the final 18 will tee off at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday.

AGGIE ACTION: The Coca-Cola Classic will feature 21 teams, with the majority of the competition coming from west of Minnesota, and three of the teams, not including the Golden Gophers, golfing at the Nike Northwest Classic. The tourney will kick off with 36 holes on Friday starting at 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., and 18 holes on Saturday beginning at 9:00 a.m. The University Golf Course is 7,040 yards and a par 72.

HOW TO GET RESULTS: The Nike Northwest and Coca-Cola Classic results will be available via fax-on-demand. For Nike Northwest scores dial (503) 614-4044 from the handset of your fax machine. Follow the prompts and request cell number 141651. For Coca-Cola Classic scores dial (770) 399-3066. Enter 292 and request cell number

SCOREBOARD

TOP FIVE GOLFERS

	TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
1. Rob Kerr	ReliaStar Collegiate Invite	70/68/71	216	209/1st out of 65
Sept. 14-15				
Sept. 27-28	Northern Collegiate Invite	74/65/71	216	210/1st out of 90
Fall Rounds: 6	Strokes: 419	Average: 69.8		
2. Justin Royer	ReliaStar Collegiate Invite*	72/77/69	216	218/T15th out of 65
Sept. 14-15				
Fall Rounds: 3	Strokes: 218	Average: 72.7		
3. Bill Thompson	ReliaStar Collegiate Invite	71/73/71	216	215/T6th out of 65
Sept. 14-15				
Sept. 27-28	Northern Collegiate Invite	76/72/75	216	223/T18th out of 90
Fall Rounds: 6	Strokes: 438	Average: 73.0		
3. Andy Komor	ReliaStar Collegiate Invite	72/71/72	216	215/T6th out of 65
Sept. 14-15				
Sept. 27-28	Northern Collegiate Invite	74/73/76	216	223/T18th out of 90
Fall Rounds: 6	Strokes: 438	Average: 73.0		
3. Bob Brink	ReliaStar Collegiate Invite*	75/72/72	216	219/T20th out of 65
Sept. 14-15				
Fall Rounds: 3	Strokes: 219	Average: 73.0		

LAST TIME

NORTHERN INTERCOLLEGIATE (East Lansing, Mich)

(Sept. 27-28)

Teams	Scores		
Kent State University	286	289	293--868
Minnesota	296	288	294--878
Miami-Ohio	291	298	289--878
Ball State University	299	296	292--887
Michigan	292	296	300--888
Toledo	305	295	296--896
Xavier	298	300	299--897
Purdue	305	298	302--905
Eastern Michigan	304	299	307--910
Indiana	306	301	304--911
Michigan State	306	303	305--914
Wisconsin	310	297	312--919
Illinois	309	311	300--920
Iowa	305	307	309--921
Wright State University	308	309	305--922
Penn State	306	312	307--925
Marshall University	313	310	303--926

Top Golden Gopher Finishers

Players	Scores
Rob Kerr	74-65-71--210
Martin Le Mesurier	72-78-73--223
Andy Komor	74-73-76--223
Bill Thompson	76-72-75--223
Jeff Barney	79-78-75--232

TENNIS

DESERT DEVILS: Minnesota will send its top three players to the Thunderbird Classic at Arizon State University in Tempe, Ariz., this weekend, Friday through Sunday, Oct. 9-11. **TOM CHICOINE** (Jr., Neenah, Wis.), **ADAM SELKIRK** (Jr., St. Joseph, Mo.) and **JORGE DUENAS** (Fr., Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic) will represent the Golden Gophers.

OH, CANADA: The doubles team of sophomore **MARTIN MICHALOWSKI** and freshman **TYSON PARRY**, both native Canadians, have won the two doubles brackets they entered this fall. Michalowski, who hails from Ottawa, Ontario, and Parry, a native of Chatham, Ontario, captured the BellSouth Mobility Classic doubles "A" flight title, Oct. 5 in Lafayette, La., by knocking off Southwestern Louisiana's hometown favorites, Rafael Fontes and Ricardo Diniz, 9-7. En route to the finals, the duo defeated the tourney's No. 3-seeded team of Dirk Reinhardt and Andreas Tiltcher from Southern Mississippi, 9-8. Michalowski and Parry have a 7-1 tournament record to lead the team.



before being eliminated by Arkansas-Little Rock's pair of Felipe McClusky and Juan Ros, 8-6. Kristoffersen and Svensson have a fall record of 2-1.

PASSPORT, PLEASE: In addition to the Canadians, Michalowski and Parry, and the Scandinavians, Kristoffersen and Svensson, Minnesota boasts a South American and a Central American on the roster, making six of the ten Golden Gopher tennis players from outside of the United States. Freshman **ED MARQUES**, who played tennis in Florida, originally hails from Brasilia, Brazil while freshman **JORGE DUENAS** is a native to the Dominican Republic. This year's freshmen class is solely non-native Americans (Parry, Svensson, Marques and Duenas).

SCANDINAVIAN SUCCESS: Minnesota's other proximity doubles paring of Norwegian native **MARTIN KRISTOFFERSEN** (Jr., Portgrunn, Norway) and Swedish import **JON SVENSSON** (Fr., Kristianstad, Sweden) came close to making a Minnesota doubles sweep at the BellSouth Mobility Tennis Classic. Kristoffersen and Svensson held out until the semifinals of the doubles "B" flight

SCOREBOARD

Singles	Overall	Dual	Tourn.	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6
Tom Chicoine	4-1		4-1						
Jorge Duenas	2-2		2-2						
Jon Svensson	2-3		2-3						
Adam Selkirk	4-1		4-1						
M. Michalowski	4-2		4-2						
Tyson Parry	3-4		3-4						
Aaron Dvorak	1-3		1-3						
M. Kristoffersen	1-1		1-1						
Ed Marques	0-5		0-5						
Voke Okoh	0-2		0-2						
Doubles	Overall	Dual	Tourn.	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6
Parry/Svensson									
Chicoine/Mich'ski									
Duenas/Selkirk									
Marques/Dvorak	1-1		1-1						
Chicoine/Duenas	2-1		2-1						
Michalowski/Parry	7-1		7-1						
Selkirk/Svensson	2-1		2-1						
Marques/Okoh	1-1		1-1						

LAST TIME

BELLSOUTH MOBILITY TENNIS CLASSIC (Lafayette, La.) (Oct. 3-5)

Singles	Player	Last Rd.	Result	Draw
	Jon Svensson	2nd Round	L-Zak Blanchard, 6-4, 6-4	"A"
	M. Michalowski	Quarters	L-No. 67 R. Fontes, 6-3, 2-6, 7-6 (8)	"A"
	Tyson Parry	1st Round	L-Steven Blundell, 6-4, 6-1	"A" Consols
	M. Kristoffersen	2nd Rd.	L-Sasha Silver, 6-2, 6-4	"B"
	Ed Marques	1st Round	L-Simon Viot, 6-4, 7-5	"B" Consols
	Voke Okoh	1st Round	L-Tony Prudent, 6-2, 6-1	"B" Consols
Doubles	Team	Last Rd.	Result	Draw
	Mich'ski/Parry	Finals	W-Fontes/Diniz, 9-7	"A"
	Krist'sen/Svensson	Semis	L-McClusky/Ros, 8-6	"B"

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MSC
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Sat., Oct. 18

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7:05 p.m.

Sat., Oct. 18

- **Cross Country** at Iowa 3-Way
Iowa City, Iowa
10:00 a.m.

- **Swimming & Diving** vs. Intrasquad
Aquatic Center
Noon

- **Football** at Penn State
University Park, Pa.
ESPN Regional TV/WCCO-TV
(Ch. 4)
WCCO Radio (830)
11:20 a.m.

DID YOU KNOW?

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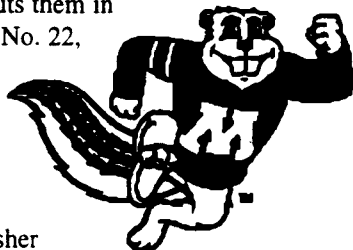
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CROSS COUNTRY

THREE-WAY STREET: The No. 21 men's cross country team heads to Iowa City, Iowa for the Iowa 3-Way Saturday, Oct. 18, at the Finkbine Golf Course. Host Iowa will be joined by Illinois, Auburn and Minnesota to make up the competition field. The event gets underway at 10:00 a.m.

RANK 'EM: Although Minnesota isn't king of the course just yet, the good fortune of the nation's polls Tuesday puts them in contention. The Golden Gophers entered the polls at No. 22, marking the first time in over 10 years that the U of M men's cross country team is among the top 25. This week the Maroon and Gold are 24th.

JOHNSON'S JEWEL: Senior transfer **CHAD JOHNSON** (Chetek, Wis.) was Minnesota's top finisher Saturday, Oct. 11, at the Murray Keatinge Invitational in Orono, Maine. Johnson has improved his time in each race he has run this season, placing 13th for the Golden Gophers with a time of 24:20.0, almost a full three minutes shorter than his first race of the year. Johnson was a Division III All-American last season at UW-Steven's Point.



CONFERENCE CATCH UP: The Iowa 3-Way marks the official end to Minnesota's regular-season schedule before the Big Ten Championships, although the Golden Gophers host an open meet, the Marathon 5K, at Les Bolstad Golf Course on Oct. 25. According to the last national poll, five Big Ten schools, including Minnesota, were among the nation's top 25. Michigan led the pack at No. 3, followed by Wisconsin at No. 6, Michigan State at No. 9. Iowa at No. 20 and Minnesota at No. 24.

Looking ahead, the Ohio State Buckeyes will host the Big Ten Championships, Nov. 1.

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Ron Hoffner	DNC	DNC
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Charles McClure	25:23.9 (27th)	24:56.0 (24th)
Jason Owen	27:27.4 (77th)	DNC
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Phil Smith	26:52.0 (40th)#	DNC
Mike Stoick	25:28.3 (32nd)	25:05.8 (34th)

ran the Maroon Race as "Team Minnesota"
+ led the team

LAST TIME

Murray Keatinge Invitational (Orono, Maine) Oct. 11, 1997

Place	Team	Points	Place of Finishers				
1	Michigan	27	1	2	6	7	11
2	Arizona	91	3	15	22	23	28
3	Iowa	112	5	8	14	40	45
4	Will. & Mary	125	4	19	29	32	41
5	Minnesota	131	13	24	25	34	35
6	Alabama	142	9	12	30	39	52
7	Butler	162	10	18	27	51	56
8	Dartmouth	196	20	21	48	53	54
9	Purdue	235	31	36	37	65	66
10	New Hampsh.	278	16	60	63	69	70
11	Maine	323	33	55	72	78	85
12	Ball State	330	43	58	68	79	82
13	Holy Cross	359	26	75	81	84	93
14	C. Connecticut	444	80	87	89	92	96

TOP MINNESOTA RUNNERS

Place	Runner	Time
13	C. Johnson	24:21.8
24	McClure	24:56.5
25	Pierce	24:59.5
34	Stoick	25:07.5
35	Riter	25:07.9
47	Polson	25:19.4
49	Brang	25:20.40
92	Hartmark	26:22.8

GOLF

WINTER HIBERNATION: The U of M golf team will take a five-month hiatus since concluding its fall season Saturday, Oct. 11. Minnesota ended the first part of its year with a second-place finish at the Coca-Cola Classic in Las Cruces, NM. The Golden Gophers will resume action Feb. 15-16 at the Bridges All-American in Bay St. Louis, Miss.

Over the course of the fall, the Maroon and Gold captured the ReliaStar title at Dellwood Hills Golf Course, in addition to two second-place finishes (Northern Collegiate and Coca-Cola Classic) and a 13th-place tie at the Nike Northwest Classic. Senior **ROB KERR** (Pointe Claire, Quebec) led the pack with two individual titles (ReliaStar and Northern Collegiate) and a 72.3 stroke average. Junior **BILL THOMPSON** (Wayzata, Minn.) and sophomore **MARTIN LE MESURIER** (Hampshire, England) followed Kerr to round out the Golden Gophers' top three leaders.



NIKE NOTES: The University of Minnesota men's golf team finished tied for 13th in a strong field of 22 teams after three rounds of the Nike Northwest Invitational hosted by Oregon State University, at the Trysting Tree Golf Club in Corvallis, Ore., Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 6-7. Thompson led the Golden Gophers with a 1-over par 217, good for a tie for 10th place individually, after a final round of 1-under par 71 at the par-72 course.

'CAPPING THE COCA-COLA: Minnesota finished second Saturday at the Coca-Cola Classic in Las Cruces, N.M. The Golden Gophers climbed from eighth place where they stood at the end of the first two rounds on Friday night to second place after shooting a 3-over par final round of 291. Minnesota's total of 880 was 17 strokes off the lead of winner Texas-El Paso, which carded a 863 in three rounds.

Le Mesurier and Thompson were Minnesota's top finishers. Le Mesurier shot a a three-round total of 219 to take 12th overall. Thompson finished in a three-way tie for 13th with a total of 220.

IN THE RANKINGS: The University of Minnesota men's golf team is tied for 22nd in the nation in the latest MasterCard Collegiate Golf Rankings released on Wednesday, Oct. 8.

Kerr is ranked 16th individually in the nation in the men's individual ratings. Kerr took home medalist honors in each of the team's first two tournaments. Minnesota and Northwestern, who are tied for the 22nd slot, are the only two Big Ten teams to appear on the top 25 list.

SCOREBOARD

TOP FIVE GOLFERS

	TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
1. Rob Kerr	ReliaStar Collegiate Invite	70/68/71	216	209/1st out of 65
Sept. 14-15	Northern Collegiate Invite	74/65/71	216	210/1st out of 90
Sept. 27-28	Nike Northwest Classic	75/76/75	216	226/T56th out of 110
Oct. 6-7	Coca-Cola Classic	73/79/70	216	222/T19th out of 111
Oct. 10-11	Fall Rounds: 12	Strokes: 867	Average: 72.3	
2. Bill Thompson	ReliaStar Collegiate Invite	71/73/71	216	215/T6th out of 65
Sept. 14-15	Northern Collegiate Invite	76/72/75	216	223/T18th out of 90
Sept. 27-28	Nike Northwest Classic	72/74/71	216	217/T10th out of 110
Oct. 6-7	Coca-Cola Classic	71/73/76	216	220/T13th out of 111
Oct. 10-11	Fall Rounds: 12	Strokes: 875	Average: 72.9	
3. M. Le Mesurier	ReliaStar Collegiate Invite	78/74/70	216	222/T32nd out of 65
Sept. 14-15	Northern Collegiate Invite	72/78/73	216	223/T18th out of 90
Sept. 27-28	Nike Northwest Classic	79/73/75	216	227/T59th out of 110
Oct. 6-7	Coca-Cola Classic	72/74/73	216	219/12th out of 111
Oct. 10-11	Fall Rounds: 12	Strokes: 891	Average: 74.3	
4. Jeff Barney	ReliaStar Collegiate Invite	71/73/70	216	214/T4th out of 65
Sept. 14-15	Northern Collegiate Invite	79/78/75	216	232/T53rd out of 90
Sept. 27-28	Nike Northwest Classic	78/76/74	216	228/T70th out of 110
Oct. 6-7	Fall Rounds: 9	Strokes: 674	Average: 74.9	
5. Andy Komor	ReliaStar Collegiate Invite	72/71/72	216	215/T6th out of 65
Sept. 14-15	Northern Collegiate Invite	74/73/76	216	233/T18th out of 90
Sept. 27-28	Nike Northwest Classic	76/79/82	216	237/T99th out of 110
Oct. 6-7	Fall Rounds: 9	Strokes: 674	Average: 74.9	

LAST TIME

COCA-COLA CLASSIC (Las Cruces, N.M.) Oct. 10-11

Final Team Totals (three rounds - par 72)

1. UTEP	288-285-290=863
2. Minnesota	289-300-291=880
3. Wichita	295-293-293=881
Washington	294-290-297=881
5. New Mex. St.	291-294-298=883
6. New Mexico	297-290-299=886
7. North Texas	292-302-294=888
8. Wyoming	298-289-302=889
9. Mississippi	293-295-301=889
10. Long Bch St.	305-291-305=901

Top Golden Gopher Finishers

Players	Place/Scores
Martin Le Mesurier	12th/72-74-73--219
Bill Thompson	T13th/71-73-76--220
Rob Kerr	T19th/73-79-70--222

TENNIS

TAKE FIVE: The Golden Gopher tennis team will have the week off after three players participated at the Thunderbird Classic in Tempe, Ariz., Thursday through Saturday, Oct. 9-11.

Senior captain **TOM CHICOINE** (Neenah, Wis.), seeded seventh, advanced the furthest in singles play, before being ousted in the quarterfinals by eventual singles winner, No. 2-seeded Simon Larose of Mississippi State, 6-1, 6-3.

Chicoine was paired with freshman **JORGE DUENAS** (Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic) in doubles action, advancing to the semifinals before bowing to Texas' eventual doubles champion team of Jack Brasington and Michael Blue, 8-3.

Junior **MARTIN KRISTOFFERSEN** (Portsmouth, N.H.) was paired with Arizona State's Brian O'Grady in doubles play. The duo made it to the finals before falling to Brasington and Blue, 8-3.

OH, CANADA: The doubles team of sophomore **MARTIN MICHALOWSKI** and freshman **TYSON PARRY**, both native Canadians, have won the two doubles brackets they entered this fall. Michalowski, who hails from Ottawa, Ontario, and Parry, a native of Chatham, Ontario, have a 7-1 tournament record to lead the team.



PASSPORT, PLEASE: In addition to the Canadians, Michalowski and Parry, and the Scandinavians, Kristoffersen and freshman **JON SVENSSON** (Kristianstad, Sweden). Minnesota boasts a South American and a Central American on the roster, making six of the ten Golden Gopher tennis players from outside of the United States. Freshman **ED MARQUES**, who played tennis in Florida, originally hails from Brasilia, Brazil while freshman **JORGE DUENAS** is a native to the Dominican Republic. This year's freshmen class is solely non-native Americans (Parry, Svensson, Marques and Duenas).

UP AND COMING: The Minnesota tennis team will resume its fall season at the Florida State Tournament, Friday through Sunday, Oct. 24-26, in Tallahassee, Fla.

SCOREBOARD

Singles	Overall	Dual	Tourn.	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6
Tom Chicoine	6-2		6-2						
Jorge Duenas	3-4		3-4						
Jon Svensson	2-3		2-3						
Adam Selkirk	4-1		4-1						
M. Michalowski	4-2		4-2						
Tyson Parry	3-4		3-4						
Aaron Dvorak	1-3		1-3						
M. Kristoffersen	2-3		2-3						
Ed Marques	0-5		0-5						
Voke Okoh	0-2		0-2						
Doubles	Overall	Dual	Tourn.	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6
Marques/Dvorak	1-1		1-1						
Chicoine/Duenas	4-2		4-2						
Michalowski/Parry	7-1		7-1						
Selkirk/Svensson	2-1		2-1						
Marques/Okoh	1-1		1-1						

LAST TIME

ASU THUNDERBIRD CLASSIC (Tempe, Ariz.) (Oct. 9-11)

Singles

Player	Last Rd.	Result	Draw
Tom Chicoine	Quarters	L-Simon Larose, 6-1, 6-3	Main
Jorge Duenas	Quarters	L-Alex Osterrieth, 6-4, 1-6, 7-6 (3)	Consols
M. Kristoffersen	Quarters	L-Adam Webster, 6-2, 6-2	Consols

Doubles

Team	Last Rd.	Result	Draw
Chicoine/Duenas	Semis	L-Brasington/Blue, 8-3	Main
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THIS WEEK IN GOPHER SPORTS

Fri., Oct. 24

- **Hockey** at Minnesota-Duluth DECC (Duluth, Minn.) MSC KSTP Radio (1500) 7:05 p.m.

- **Tennis** at Florida State Invitational Tallahassee, Fla. All Day

Sat., Oct. 25

- **Cross Country** vs. Marathon Sports 5K Les Bolstad Golf Course 11:00 a.m.

- **Hockey** at Minnesota-Duluth DECC (Duluth, Minn.) MSC KSTP Radio (1500) 7:05 p.m.

Sat., Oct. 26

- **Football** vs. Wisconsin Metrodome ESPN2 WCCO Radio (830) 11:30 a.m.

- **Tennis** at Florida State Invitational Tallahassee, Fla. All Day

Sun., Oct. 26

- **Tennis** at Florida State Invitational Tallahassee, Fla. All Day

DID YOU KNOW?

The University of Minnesota men's cross country team has won two of its four invitationals this fall. The Golden Gophers won the four-team Iowa Invitational Saturday, Oct. 18. Prior to that, the Maroon and Gold won the Lester Park Invitational Oct. 13. Minnesota cross country has been in the national polls the past three weeks, most recently at No. 24 in the Tuesday, Oct. 14, poll.

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Tuesday, October 21:
Football Coach **Glen Mason's** weekly news conference (1 p.m., CST)

Wednesday, October 22:
Quarterback **Cory Sauter** and senior wide receiver **Tutu Atwell**

Thursday, October 23:
Hockey Coach **Doug Woog** previews UMD

Friday, October 24:
Sophomore wing **Dave Spehar** and freshman defenseman **Dylan Mills**

Sat.-Sun., October 25-26: Football Coach **Glen Mason's** Wisconsin postgame comments

CROSS COUNTRY

OPEN INVITE: The No. 24 Minnesota men's cross country team will participate in the Marathon Sports 5K at Les Bolstad Golf Course Saturday, Oct. 25, at 11:00 a.m. The race is open to the public and will serve as a tune up for the team before the Big Ten Championships at Columbus, Ohio, Saturday, Nov. 1.

CHAMPION, TAKE TWO: The Golden Gophers won the Iowa Invitational at Iowa City, Iowa, Saturday, Oct. 18, marking the second invitational the team has captured this fall. Minnesota won the Lester Park Invitational at Duluth, Minn., Sept. 13 to start the season. The team has made improvements in 1997, earning third- and fifth-place honors in its other two meets and being ranked in the nation's top 25 the past three weeks.

LEADER OF THE PACK: Senior transfer **CHAD JOHNSON** (Chetek, Wis.) was Minnesota's top finisher at the Iowa Invitational. Johnson placed second to lead the Maroon and Gold for the second straight race with a time of 25:08. Sophomore **JEREMY POLSON** (Duluth, Minn.), who finished fourth at Iowa, was the team's top finisher in the first two meets.



CONFERENCE CATCH UP: The Iowa Invitational marked the official end to Minnesota's regular-season schedule before the Big Ten Championships. According to the last national poll, five Big Ten schools, including Minnesota, were among the nation's top 25. Michigan led the pack at No. 3, followed by Wisconsin at No. 6. Michigan State at No. 9, Iowa at No. 20 and Minnesota at No. 24.

Looking ahead, the Ohio State Buckeyes will host the Big Ten Championships, Nov. 1.

RANK 'EM: The new poll won't be out until Tuesday, Oct. 21, but the Minnesota cross country team has been No. 24 this past week. The Golden Gophers entered the poll at No. 22 on Sept. 30, marking the first time in over 10 years that the team had been ranked.

POLL WATCH: To track the Golden Gophers' progress in the national polls, you can access the information every Tuesday afternoon via internet at: www.infosys.ilstu.edu/Redbirds/TF/XCPoll.html.

SCOREBOARD

	Maine (10/11)	Iowa (10/18)
Josh Brang	25:19.40 (49th)	26:50 (31st)
Matt Carter	DNC	26:16 (19th)
Nate Clay	DNC	26:57 (34th)
Eric Hartmark	26:18.4 (92nd)	25:24 (5th)
Chad Johnson	24:20.0 (13th)+	25:08 (2nd)+
Todd Landgraff	25:24.2 (54th)	25:44 (12th)
Charles McClure	24:56.0 (24th)	25:41 (11th)
Jason Owen	DNC	27:01 (35th)
Eric Pierce	24:56.0 (25th)	25:29 (7th)
Jeremy Polson	25:18.1 (47th)	25:17 (4th)
Tony Riter	25:06.2 (35th)	25:38 (9th)
Mike Stoick	25:05.8 (34th)	25:41 (10th)

+ led the team

LAST TIME

Iowa Invitational (Iowa City, Iowa) Oct. 18, 1997

Place	Team	Points	Place of Finishers				
1	Minnesota	27	2	4	5	7	9
2	Iowa	37	1	3	6	13	14
3	Drake	74	8	12	17	18	19
4	Auburn	116	20	21	24	25	26

MINNESOTA RUNNERS

Place	Runner	Time
2	C. Johnson	25:08
4	Polson	25:17
5	Hartmark	25:24
7	Pierce	25:29
9	Riter	25:38
10	Stoick	25:41
11	McClure	25:41
12	Landgraff	25:44

TENNIS

SEMINOLE STOMP: The Golden Gopher tennis team travels to Tallahassee, Fla., Friday through Sunday, Oct. 24-26, to participate in the Florida State Invitational. Slated to travel with Minnesota are singles players: **TOM CHICOINE** (Jr., Neenah, Wis.), **ADAM SELKIRK** (Jr., St. Joseph, Mo.), **MARTIN MICHALOWSKI** (So., Ottawa, Ontario), **JORGE DUENAS** (Fr., Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic), **TYSON PARRY** (Fr., Chatham, Ontario) and **JON SVENSSON** (Fr., Kristianstad, Sweden).

IN CHECK: The Golden Gophers will use the Florida State Invitational to help prepare the team's top six for the Rolex Regional Tournament, Friday through Monday, Oct. 31-Nov. 3, at the Atkins Tennis Center in Champaign, Ill. The Rolex will feature the top singles and doubles players from around Region IV. Following the Rolex, Minnesota will close out its fall schedule hosting the Ice Volleys at the Burnsville Racquet Club in Burnsville, Minn., Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 8-9.

LEADER'S BOARD: Chicoine, the U of M's top singles player, leads the Golden Gophers with a 6-2 overall fall record. In the two invitationals he has competed in, Chicoine lost in the finals of the University of New Mexico Alumni Coaches Team Challenge in Albuquerque, N.M., Sept. 21, and advanced to the semifinals of the Arizona State University Thunderbird Classic in Tempe, Ariz., Oct.



10. He also pairs with Minnesota's No. 4 singles player Duenas to make up the Maroon and Gold's No. 1 doubles team. The pair has seen action in two invitationals, advancing to the semifinals in both Albuquerque, N.M. and Tempe, Ariz.

Leading the doubles team contingent is the duo of Michalowski and Parry. Both native Canadians, the twosome won the consolation bracket of the UNM Alumni Coaches Team Challenge and the main doubles draw of the BellSouth Mobility Tennis Classic in Lafayette, La., Oct. 5. Michalowski and Parry are slated as Minnesota's No. 2 doubles team.

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Thurs., Nov. 6

- **Basketball** vs. Yugoslavia-Mornar (exh)
Williams Arena
MSC (live)
7 p.m.

Fri., Nov. 7

- **Hockey** at Wisconsin
Madison, Wis.
MSC (live)
KSTP Radio (1500)
7:30 p.m.
- **Swimming & Diving** vs. North Carolina
Aquatic Center
11 a.m.

Sat., Nov. 8

- **Football** vs. Ohio State (Homecoming)
Metrodome
MSC (tape delay after hockey)
WCCO Radio (830)
3 p.m.

- **Hockey** at Wisconsin
Madison, Wis.
MSC (live)
KSTP Radio (1500)
7 p.m.

Sat.-Sun.,
Nov. 8-9

- **Swimming & Diving** vs. North Carolina
Aquatic Center
6 p.m.
- **Tennis** vs. Ice Volleys
98th St. (Bloomington, Minn.)
10:30 a.m./11 a.m.

HALL OF FAMERS

Twelve new members will be inducted into the M Club Hall of Fame as part of the Homecoming festivities Saturday, Nov. 8. In addition to the Hall of Fame inductees, former Golden Gopher defenseman Wendell Anderson will be honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award. A complete list of inductees and their accomplishments can be found in this week's release.

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Football Coach **Glen Mason**'s weekly news conference (1 p.m., CST)

Wednesday, November 5:
Basketball Coach **Clem Haskins** previews the 1997-98 season

Thursday, November 6:
Hockey Coach **Doug Woog** previews the Wisconsin series

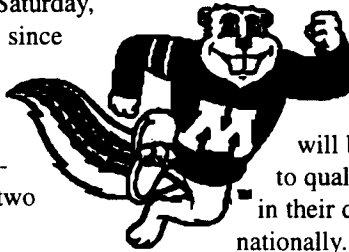
Friday, November 7:
Tennis Coach **David Geatz** previews the Ice Volleys

Sat.-Sun., November 8-9: Football Coach **Glen Mason**'s Ohio State postgame comments

CROSS COUNTRY

THIS WEEK: The 24th-ranked men's cross country team will use this weekend to prepare for the NCAA District V Championships in Ames, Iowa, Saturday, Nov. 15. This will be the first time Minnesota competes in Region V after previously running in Region IV.

FINISHING BIG AT BIG TENS: Minnesota took fourth at the 8K Big Ten Championships in Columbus, Ohio, Saturday, Nov. 1. It was the best finish for the Golden Gophers since 1993, when that team placed fourth as well. **CHAD JOHNSON** (Sr., Chetek, Wis.) led the Maroon and Gold with a 23rd-place finish at his first Big Ten Championship race (25:22.3). Four other U of M runners finished in the top 30, all within approximately two and a half seconds of one another, to help Minnesota improve from the seventh-place finish the team had a year ago. **JEREMY POLSON** (So., Duluth, Minn.) led the four finishers, coming in 25th place (25:27.4). He was followed by **MICHAEL STOICK** (Jr., St. Michael, Minn.) at 26th, **TONY RITER** (Sr., Shoreview, Minn.) at 27th and **CHARLES McCLURE** (So., Brookfield, Wis.) at 30th.



onship, will be competing. This will be Minnesota's first trip to the NCAA District V Championships, after competing previously with District IV. Riter was Minnesota's top finisher a year ago in the 10K race, taking 37th with a time of 32:03. Former harrier Rick Obleman took 40th and **TODD LANDGRAFF** (Jr., St. Peter, Minn.) finished 43rd. McClure and Polson took 60th and 61st, respectively.

RANK ORDER: According to the most recent national poll (October 21), Minnesota is ranked 24th in the country and third in District V. Oklahoma State is first in District V, followed by Missouri. The rest of the District breaks down as follows: 4. Iowa State; 5. Iowa; 6. Northern Iowa; 7. Illinois State; 8. Nebraska; 9. Illinois; 10. Tulsa.

LOOKING AHEAD: The NCAA Championships will be held on Monday, Nov. 24, at Greenville, S.C. In order to qualify for nationals, teams must finish among the top two in their districts. After that four at-large teams will be selected nationally. To qualify individually from each district, runners must place among the top three individuals from non-qualifying teams, and at least be among the top 20 overall. After that, three additional runners are selected at-large nationally.

PREVIEWING THE DISTRICTS: Only two other schools from the Big Ten Conference will compete in the NCAA District V Championships. Iowa, who finished four points behind the U of M at Big Tens, and Illinois, who placed ninth at the conference champi-

SCOREBOARD

	Best Time	Best Finish
Matt Carter	26:16 (10/18)	18th (9/13)
Eric Hartmark	25:24 (10/18)	5th (10/18)
Chad Johnson	24:20.0 (10/11)+&	2nd (9/13; 10/18+)
Todd Landgraff	25:24.2 (10/11)	10th (9/13)
Charles McClure	24:56.0 (10/11)	3rd (9/13)
Eric Pierce	24:56.0 (10/11)	6th (9/13)
Jeremy Polson	24:58.5 (9/27)+	1st (9.13)+&
Tony Riter	25:06.2 (10/11)	8th (9/13)
Mike Stoick	25:05.8 (10/11)	4th (9/13)

+ led the team at the meet
 & team's best time or finish this season
 (Does not include Marathon Sports 5K times)

LAST TIME

At the Big Ten Championships Ohio State University

Place	Team	Points	Score of the Top Five Finishers				
1.	Michigan	29	1	2	7	8	11
2.	Wisconsin	42	4	5	6	9	18
3.	Michigan State	79	3	13	15	20	28
4.	Minnesota	131	23	25	26	27	30
5.	Iowa	134	10	17	22	41	44
6.	Penn State	163	19	24	33	39	48
7.	Ohio State	183	14	34	38	43	54
8.	Indiana	203	12	16	50	59	66
9.	Illinois	217	32	36	46	47	56
10.	Purdue	246	29	42	57	58	60

MINNESOTA RUNNERS

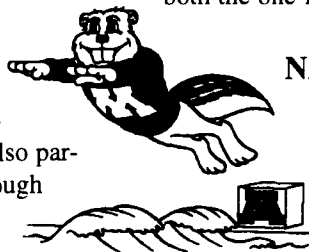
Place	Runner	Time
23	C. Johnson	25:22.3
25	J. Polson	25:27.4
26	M. Stoick	25:27.7
27	T. Riter	25:28.3
30	C. McClure	25:30.0
31	E. Pierce	25:30.9
37	T. Landgraff	25:40.4
38	E. Hartmark	25:40.6
77	M. Carter	27:01.8

SWIMMING & DIVING

BATHURST (Albuquerque, NM) in the 50 free and senior **MATT NINNEMAN** (Madison, Wis.) in three-meter diving.

HOME OPENER: The Minnesota swimming and diving team will take its mark at home this weekend as it hosts North Carolina in a co-ed dual meet Friday and Saturday, Nov. 7-8, at the Dorothy L. Sheppard Pool in the University Aquatic Center. Friday's competition begins at 6:00 p.m., and Saturday's action starts at 11:00 a.m.

TARHEEL TOTALS: North Carolina dropped its first meet of the year to the University of Georgia, 171-119, Thursday, Oct. 23. The Tarheels, who placed 22nd at the NCAA Championships a year ago, won five events, with four different individual event winners and a winning 400 free relay team. North Carolina also participated in the Tarheel Invitational, Friday Oct. 31. Although there were no team scores, three different swimmers captured titles in the 50 free, 1650 free and 400 IM. UNC will swim against Duke on Tuesday, Nov. 4, before meeting the Golden Gophers on Friday.



LAST TIME VS. UNC: The Golden Gophers defeated the Tarheels by a narrow eight-point margin, 153-145, Nov. 2, last season in Chapel Hill, N.C. Minnesota took 11 titles, including tri-winner former Golden Gopher Manolis Lentaris (1000 free, 200 free and 500 free) and double winner junior **MARTIN ZIELINSKI** (Bloomington, Minn.), who captured the 100 back (49.92) and 100 fly (49.14) title. Other returning individual winners include sophomore **YOAV MEIRI** (Jerusalem, Israel) in the 200 fly, senior **TY**

RECAPPING THE IOWA DUAL: Minnesota took seven of the 16 events, but lost to Iowa, 159-141, Saturday, Nov. 1. It was Minnesota's first dual meet of the season.

Freshmen **ALEX MASSURA** (Belo Horizonte, Brazil) and **DAN CROASTON** (Champlin, Minn.) were the only double event winners for the Golden Gophers. Massura, a '96 Olympian, won the 200 free (1:39.52) and the 200 backstroke (1:50.09) and Croaston took both the one-meter (286.05) and three-meter (311.25) titles.

NATIONAL HONORS: Junior NCAA All-American **MARTIN ZIELINSKI** (Bloomington, Minn.) recently was named to the 1997 USS All-America Team in the 100 fly. Zielinski, the Minnesota school record holder and '97 Big Ten champion in the 100 fly, bettered the faster eighth-place preliminary time in that event from the 1996 Phillips 66 National Swimming Championships time at the 1997 Phillips 66 National Swimming Championships. Zielinski swam a 55.15 this past summer at the championships in Nashville, Tenn., July 26-Aug. 1. His best time in the 100 fly is the Minnesota school-record time of 47.00, which placed him fourth at the NCAA Championships and earned him NCAA All-America honors. He is the only member of the Minnesota swimming and diving team to be a member of the USS All-America Team.

SCOREBOARD

TOP INDIVIDUAL EVENT TIME (1997-98)

50 FREE -- 21.33, Ty Bathurst (1st, at Iowa)
 100 FREE -- 46.58, Luis Lopez (3rd, at Iowa)
 200 FREE -- 1:39.52, Alex Massura (1st, at Iowa)
 500 FREE -- 4:36.53, Bill Bishop (2nd, at Iowa)
 1000 FREE -- 9:29.62, Bill Bishop (2nd, at Iowa)
 1650 FREE! -- 15:10.55*+##\$, Bill Bishop (8th, NCAAAs)
 100 BACK -- 50.94, Martin Zielinski (2nd, at Iowa)
 200 BACK -- 1:50.09, Alex Massura (1st, at Iowa)
 100 BREAST -- 57.47, Oscar Godoi (2nd, at Iowa)
 200 BREAST -- 2:06.06, Chris Wood (3rd, at Iowa)
 100 FLY -- 49.57, Martin Zielinski (1st, at Iowa)
 200 FLY -- 1:50.79, Yoav Meiri (2nd, at Iowa)
 200 IM! -- 1:47.93*, Jono McLeod (2nd, Big Tens)
 400 IM -- 4:03.25, Jono McLeod (4th, at Iowa)

* personal best
 + Minnesota Varsity Record
 # Minnesota Freshman Record
 \$ earned All-America honors
 & earned Honorable Mention All-America honors
 ! has not been competed in this season; time is from last year

LAST TIME

MINNESOTA at IOWA (Iowa City, Iowa) Nov. 1, 1997

Event Winners

Swimmer	Event	Time
MINN-A (Hulseman, Godoi, Zielinski, Bathurst)	200 medley relay	1:32.56
Alex Massura	200 freestyle	1:39.52
Ty Bathurst	50 freestyle	21.33
Dan Croaston	1-M diving	286.05
Alex Massura	200 backstroke	1:50.09
Martin Zielinski	100 butterfly	49.57
Dan Croaston	3-M diving	311.25

TENNIS

HOME COOKING: After spending the majority of the fall season outdoors in warmer climates, Minnesota returns home to finish its fall season by hosting the Ice Volleys Showcase, Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 8-9, at the 98th Street Racquet Club in Bloomington, Minn. Four other teams will be in attendance, in addition to the Golden Gophers. No. 40 Arizona State, No. 44 Washington, No. 51 Michigan and the Bulgarian Davis Cup Team, join No. 46 Minnesota in the tournament. Play begins at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, and 11:00 a.m., Sunday, and will feature five singles flights and two doubles flights. All flights will also include a consolation draw.

RECAPPING THE ROLEX: Four Maroon and Gold singles players advanced as far as the round of 32 at the Rolex Regional Tennis Championships, Friday through Sunday, Oct. 31-Nov. 2, in Champaign, Ill. Junior **TOM CHICOINE** (Neenah, Wis.) was the only seeded Minnesota singles player at No. 15. Chicoine earned a bye out of the round of 128 and defeated Indiana's Scott Lippett, 6-4, 6-7 (4), 6-2 in the round of 64. He was eliminated from the championships with a 6-3, 6-3 loss to Butler's Shlomo Shemesh in the round of 32.

The two Golden Gopher doubles teams advanced as far as the round of 32.

LAST SEASON AT THE ICE VOLLEYS: Four Golden Gophers won their respective singles flights at the Ice Volleys last season, including Chicoine and sophomore **MARTIN MICHALOWSKI** (Ottawa, Ontario, Canada), the only returning winners. Chicoine earned the No. 2 singles title with a 6-3, 7-5 victory over Southern California's Johannes Mueller. Michalowski defeated Clemson's Pablo Bellagamba, 6-4, 7-6 (6) to capture the No. 6 singles title. Junior **MARTIN KRISTOFFERSEN** (Portgrunn, Norway) won the consolation draw of the No. 4 singles bracket and sophomore **AARON DVORAK** (Bloomington, Minn.) took the consolation draw of the No. 7 singles bracket. Together, Michalowski and Kristoffersen won the No. 3 doubles consolation draw with a 8-6 defeat of Notre Dame's Sachire and Horsley.



THE LINE UP: Scheduled to compete for Minnesota are:

Singles

No. 1 -- Tom Chicoine; No. 2 -- Adam Selkirk; No. 3 -- Martin Michalowski; No. 4 -- Jorge Duenas; No. 5 -- Tyson Parry; No. 6 -- Jon Svensson; No. 7 -- Martin Kristoffersen; No. 8 -- Ed Marques; No. 9 -- Aaron Dvorak

Doubles

No. 1 -- Chicoine/Duenas; No. 2 -- Michalowski/Parry; No. 3 -- Selkirk/Svensson; No. 4 -- Martin Kristoffersen/Ed Marques

SCOREBOARD

Singles	Overall	Dual	Tourn.	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6
Tom Chicoine	10-3		10-3						
Jorge Duenas	8-5		8-5						
Jon Svensson	5-5		5-5						
Adam Selkirk	4-5		4-5						
M. Michalowski	8-4		8-4						
Tyson Parry	6-6		6-6						
Aaron Dvorak	1-3		1-3						
M. Kristoffersen	2-3		2-3						
Ed Marques	0-5		0-5						
Voke Okoh	0-2		0-2						
Doubles	Overall	Dual	Tourn.	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6
Marques/Dvorak	1-1		1-1						
Chicoine/Duenas	5-5		5-5						
Michalowski/Parry	11-2		11-2						
Selkirk/Svensson	4-2		4-2						
Marques/Okoh	1-1		1-1						

LAST TIME

ROLEX REGIONAL TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS (Champaign, Ill.) (Oct. 31-Nov. 3)

Singles

Player	Last Rd.	Result
Tom Chicoine	Rd. of 32	L, Shlomo Shemesh, Butler, 6-3, 6-3
Adam Selkirk	Rd. of 128	L, Matt Poulos, Cincinnati, 6-3, 6-2
M. Michalowski	Rd. of 32	L, Alex Witt, Northwestern, 6-4, 2-6, 6-3
Jorge Duenas	Rd. of 32	L, Gavin Sontag, Illinois, 6-2, 6-4
Tyson Parry	Rd. of 32	L, Dan Lencina, Marquette, 6-1, 3-0, ret.
Jon Svensson	Rd. of 64	L, Trey Eubanks, Michigan State, 6-4, 6-3

Doubles

Team	Last Rd.	Result
Chicoine/Duenas	Rd. of 32	L, Laski/Treadwell, Illinois, 8-5
Michalowski/Parry	Rd. of 32	L, Loughrin/Chang, Wisconsin, 8-4

"M" Club Hall of Fame

Twelve "M" Club Hall of Fame inductees, and one lifetime achievement award winner were honored at the "M" Club Hall of Fame banquet held at the Radisson Hotel Metrodome last night. The inductees will also be honored at a special halftime ceremony this afternoon.

PIONEER GROUP (PRIOR TO 1957)

Ken Boyum was the No. 1 tennis player for the Golden Gophers for three years, captaining the Minnesota squad in 1948 and 1949. He was the runner-up in the Big Nine individual competition in 1948. That was the same year that Minnesota won seven of nine matches as a team and Boyum only lost one match.

Osborne Cowles, better known as "Ozzie" to his peers, was one of the most successful basketball coaches at the University of Minnesota. While at Minnesota, Cowles compiled 147 wins and 93 losses in his eleven seasons between 1948-59 for a winning percentage of .613. He coached two-time All-American Jim McIntyre, as well as Whitey Skoog who was the first Golden Gopher to use the jump shot. Cowles also coached All-Americans Charles Mencil, Ron Johnson and Dick Garmaker. Before coming to Minnesota, he was the head coach at Michigan for two years where he was named Coach of the Year and won the 1948 Big Ten. Cowles was a graduate of Carleton College in 1918 where he was a four-year letter winner in basketball as well as a two-time all-state and three-time all-conference player. In his 30 years as a basketball coach, Cowles mentored 12 All-Americans. Cowles served in World War I for six months with the U.S. Army and in World War II as a U.S. Navy officer for two years. In 1993, the Williams Arena locker room was named after him. Cowles passed away in August 1997. He was 98.

Dick Garmaker was the first Golden Gopher to score 400 points which he did as a forward on the basketball team. He was a first-team All-American and first-team All-Big Ten in 1955. He is currently 10th on the Minnesota career scoring list with 1,008 career points. Garmaker still holds records for most points per game with a 22.9 average in all games and 24.8 in Big Ten games. He also holds the school record for free throws made in all games with 181 and in Big Ten games with 137. Garmaker is also the Minnesota record holder for most free throws attempted in a season with 251 in all games and 183 in conference games.

Neil Ofsthun was the NCAA Boxing champion at 125 pounds in 1951-52. He won nine of eleven points at the NCAA Championships that year for Minnesota, leading them to a fifth-place finish. With that title, he became the second national boxing champion in Minnesota history. Ofsthun compiled five wins, one loss and one draw during the 1951 season.

Ralph Piper was the head men's gymnastics coach from 1930-68, making him the longest tenured coach in Minnesota history. During his career he

coached six teams to the Big Ten title and placed in the top five eight years. In 1941, his team finished second in the NCAA Championships. He coached the East All-Star team in 1965 and also coached the U.S. national team.

CONTEMPORARY GROUP (1957-1992)

Jeff LaFleur was a two-time All-American and a four-time All-Big Ten selection during his four years with the Golden Gopher men's gymnastics team. In 1976 he won the Big Ten parallel bars crown and finished second in the all-around, floor exercise and vault. He also finished third in the parallel bars at the NCAA Championships. Following that tremendous season, LaFleur won the 1976 Big Ten Medal of Honor. He also competed on the 1979 Pan American Games team.

Tim LaFleur was a three-time Big Ten all-around champion in 1976, 1977 and 1978. He also won the Big Ten horizontal bar and still rings championships in 1977. LaFleur finished eighth in the all-around competition at the 1978 NCAA Championships. Following his senior year, LaFleur became the first Minnesota gymnast to win the coveted Nissen Award in 1978, considered to be the "Heisman Trophy" of gymnastics. He also won the Big Ten Medal of Honor in 1978. Following his career at Minnesota, LaFleur was a member of the 1978 and 1979 World Championship teams. He competed in the 1979 U.S. Gymnastics Championships, finishing 10th in the all-around and eighth on the parallel and horizontal bars.

Robb Stauber was the first goaltender ever to win the Hobey Baker Award, which he did in 1988. That year Stauber started 44 games and recorded a school-record five shutouts for a 2.72 goals against average. He was a first-team All-American and a first-team All-WCHA selection. He also won the team's John Mariucci MVP award. Over three years, Stauber set school career records for games played, minutes played, and best saves percentage. Stauber led his team to three straight NCAA Final Four appearances and had a career record of 102-34-4. He was drafted in the fifth round by the Los Angeles Kings in the 1986 NHL draft. Stauber began play for the Kings in 1989 and was traded to the Buffalo Sabres during the 1994-95 season. He signed with the New York Rangers in early September and will likely play with the Rangers American Hockey League affiliate in Hartford, Conn., this season.

Bob Stein was one of only two players in Golden Gopher history to earn Academic All-America and All-America honors at defensive end, which he did in 1967 and 1968, respectively. A two-time All-Big Ten selection in 1967 and 1968, Stein was a member of the Gopher football team that played in the Hula Bowl in Honolulu, Hawaii, in 1969.

Darrell Thompson was a first-team All-Big Ten selection in 1986 and second-team All-Big Ten pick in 1987. He is one of the Gophers' premier running backs and

established several rushing records at Minnesota. Thompson holds the school's all-time career rushing record with 4,654 yards in four years as well as the marks for number of attempts (936) and rushing touchdowns (40). He also holds the freshman, sophomore and senior rushing yardage records. Thompson was drafted in the first round of the NFL draft by the Green Bay Packers in 1990.

SPECIAL AWARDS

Dr. Frank A. Bencriscutto was one of the most influential band directors to ever teach music at the University of Minnesota. Bencriscutto, better known as "Dr. Ben," came to Minnesota in 1960 and was the band director for 32 years until 1992. He was the first to present indoor marching band concerts and launched the jazz studies program. Bencriscutto took his wind ensemble to Carnegie Hall, the People's Republic of China and the former Soviet Union. In 1992, Bencriscutto released *Songs of the University of Minnesota*, a collection of Minnesota favorites that he arranged and directed, including the "Minnesota Rouser," "Hail Minnesota," "Minnesota March" and "Minnesota Fight." Bencriscutto earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in musical education from the University of Wisconsin. While stationed in Chicago with the U.S. Army from 1951-54, he played in a jazz combo, wrote arrangements and scored films for the Army. Bencriscutto died from lung cancer Aug. 28, 1997, in Roseville, Minn. He was 68.

Sid Hartman has been covering Golden Gopher athletics for the Minneapolis Star Tribune since 1944. One of the first athletes he covered was Minnesota Hall of Famer Bud Grant who later asked Hartman to introduce him when Grant was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Hartman has been in the business since he was nine years old when he began delivering newspapers and recently published his autobiography, "Simply Sid," with Patrick Reusse. Currently Hartman hosts a radio show on WCCO Radio as well as writing for the Star Tribune.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Wendell Anderson was a member of the Golden Gopher hockey team from 1952-54. Better known as "Wendy" or "Andy", he played in 63 games, scored seven goals and had 18 assists. Following his playing days on the ice, Anderson received a law degree from the University's Law School in 1960. In 1958, he was elected to the first of two terms in the Minnesota House of Representatives. Anderson was elected governor of Minnesota in November 1970, and was re-elected in November 1974. From 1977 to 1978, he served as a member of the U.S. Senate. Governor Anderson is currently a partner in the firm of Larkin, Hoffman, Daly & Lindgren Ltd., with offices in Minneapolis and Washington D.C.

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THIS WEEK IN GOPHER SPORTS

Mon., Nov. 10

- **Basketball** vs. Venezuela Select Team (exh)
Williams Arena
MSC (live)
7 p.m.

Fri., Nov. 14

- **Basketball** vs. Villanova (BCA Classic)
Target Center
ESPN (live)
WCCO Radio (830)
8:30 p.m.
- **Hockey** at Alaska-Anchorage
Anchorage, Alaska
KSTP Radio (1500)
10:05 p.m.

Sat., Nov. 15

- **Cross Country** at NCAA District V Champ.
Ames, Iowa
11 a.m.
- **Football** vs. Indiana
Metrodome
MSC (live)
WCCO Radio (830)
6 p.m.
- **Hockey** at Alaska-Anchorage
Anchorage, Alaska
KSTP Radio (1500)
10:05 p.m.
- **Wrestling** at Bison Open
Fargo, N.D.
All Day

WE'RE NO. 1

The University of Minnesota's Athletics website was named the "Best Website in the State" at the Minnesota Magazine Publishers Association's Excellence Awards on Thursday, Nov. 7. The men's and women's media relations departments, in conjunction with MSP Inter@ctive, who created and maintains the website, introduced the new site at www.gophersports.com on Sept. 9.

WEEKLY RELEASES

The University of Minnesota Men's Media Relations Office will be producing four separate releases during the 1997-98 academic year. Football, basketball and hockey information will be covered in sport-specific weekly releases, while information on "Olympic Sports" will appear each Monday in this release. Please refer any questions to the Men's Media Relations office at (612) 625-4090.

GOPHER HOTLINE

The Golden Gopher Hotline features daily interviews with players and coaches. It is available to the media 24 hours a day by calling (612) 625-7887. The hotline is broadcast quality and is changed by noon each day. This service is for media use only. The schedule for this week is as follows:

Tuesday, November 11:
Football Coach **Glen Mason's** weekly news conference (1 p.m., CST)

Wednesday, November 12:
Senior guard **Eric Harris** and senior guard/forward **Sam Jacobson** preview Friday's basketball season opener vs. Villanova

Thursday, November 13:
Senior quarterback **Cory Sauter** and defensive end

Lamanzer Williams

Friday, November 14:
Cross Country Coach **Steve Plasencia** previews the District Championships

Sat., November 15: Basketball Coach **Clem Haskins'** Villanova postgame comments

Sun., November 16: Football Coach **Glen Mason's** Indiana postgame comments

CROSS COUNTRY

THIS WEEK: The 27th-ranked men's cross country team competes in the NCAA District V Championships in Ames, Iowa, Saturday, Nov. 15, at 11:00 a.m. This will be the first time Minnesota will race in Region V after previously running in Region IV.

PREVIEWING THE DISTRICTS: Only two other schools from the Big Ten Conference will compete in the NCAA District V Championships. Iowa, who finished four points behind the U of M at Big Tens, and Illinois, who placed ninth at the conference championship, will be competing. Riter was Minnesota's top finisher a year ago at the District IV meet, taking 37th with a time of 32:03. Former harrier Rick Obleman took 40th and **TODD LANDGRAFF** (Jr., St. Peter, Minn.) finished 43rd. McClure and Polson took 60th and 61st, respectively.

FINISHING BIG AT BIG TENS: Minnesota took fourth at the 8K Big Ten Championships in Columbus, Ohio, Saturday, Nov. 1. It was the best finish for the Golden Gophers since 1993, when that team placed fourth as well. **CHAD JOHNSON** (Sr., Chetek, Wis.) led the Maroon and Gold with a 23rd-place finish at his first Big Ten Championship race (25:22.3). Four other U of M runners finished in the top 30, all within approximately two and a half seconds of one another, to help Minnesota improve from the seventh-place finish the team had a year ago. **JEREMY POLSON** (So., Duluth, Minn.) led the four finishers, coming in 25th place

(25:27.4). He was followed by **MICHAEL STOICK** (Jr., St. Michael, Minn.) at 26th. **TONY RITER** (Sr., Shoreview, Minn.) at 27th and **CHARLES McCLURE** (So., Brookfield, Wis.) at 30th.

RANK ORDER: According to the most recent national poll (Nov. 5), Minnesota is ranked 27th in the country and fifth in District V. Iowa State is first in District V, followed by Oklahoma State and Nebraska. The rest of the District breaks down as follows: 4. Northern Iowa; 5. Minnesota; 6. Illinois State; 7. Iowa; 8. Missouri; 9. Drake; 10. Tulsa.

LOOKING AHEAD: The NCAA Championships will be held on Monday, Nov. 24, at Greenville, S.C. In order to qualify for nationals, teams must finish among the top two in their districts. After that, four at-large teams will be selected nationally. To qualify individually from each district, runners must place among the top three individuals from non-qualifying teams, and at least be among the top 20 overall. After that, three additional runners are selected at-large nationally.



SCOREBOARD

	Best Time	Best Finish
Matt Carter	26:16 (10/18)	18th (9/13)
Eric Hartmark	25:24 (10/18)	5th (10/18)
Chad Johnson	24:20.0 (10/11)+&	2nd (9/13; 10/18+)
Todd Landgraft	25:24.2 (10/11)	10th (9/13)
Charles McClure	24:56.0 (10/11)	3rd (9/13)
Eric Pierce	24:56.0 (10/11)	6th (9/13)
Jeremy Polson	24:58.5 (9/27)+	1st (9.13)+&
Tony Riter	25:06.2 (10/11)	8th (9/13)
Mike Stoick	25:05.8 (10/11)	4th (9/13)

+ led the team at the meet
& team's best time or finish this season
(Does not include Marathon Sports 5K times)

LAST TIME

At the Big Ten Championships Ohio State University

Place	Team	Points	Score of the Top Five Finishers				
1.	Michigan	29	1	2	7	8	11
2.	Wisconsin	42	4	5	6	9	18
3.	Michigan State	79	3	13	15	20	28
4.	Minnesota	131	23	25	26	27	30
5.	Iowa	134	10	17	22	41	44
6.	Penn State	163	19	24	33	39	48
7.	Ohio State	183	14	34	38	43	54
8.	Indiana	203	12	16	50	59	66
9.	Illinois	217	32	36	46	47	56
10.	Purdue	246	29	42	57	58	60

MINNESOTA RUNNERS

Place	Runner	Time
23	C. Johnson	25:22.3
25	J. Polson	25:27.4
26	M. Stoick	25:27.7
27	T. Riter	25:28.3
30	C. McClure	25:30.0
31	E. Pierce	25:30.9
37	T. Landgraft	25:40.4
38	E. Hartmark	25:40.6
77	M. Carter	27:01.8

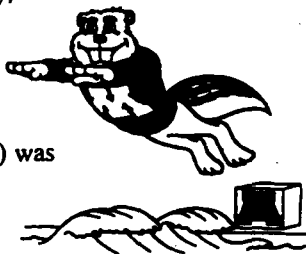
SWIMMING & DIVING

WORKOUT WEEK: The Golden Gophers are idle until they host the Minnesota Invitational, Friday through Sunday, Nov. 21-23. The co-ed event will begin Friday at 11 a.m. with preliminary races at the Aquatic Center's Dorothy L. Sheppard Pool.

ON THE HOMEFRONT: Minnesota built a 108-78 advantage over North Carolina in the first day of competition, Friday, Nov. 7, and closed out the 208-142 win over the Tarheels, Saturday, Nov. 8. Minnesota won 14 event titles en route to its first victory of the new season.

Freshman **ALEX MASSURA (Belo Horizonte, Brazil)** was impressive for the Golden Gophers, winning three events (100 back, 100 free and 200 back) and being a part of the winning 400 free relay team. His 48.88 time in the 100 back qualified for NCAA consideration, as did his 100 free split time in the 400 free relay.

Freshman diver **DAN CROASTON (Champlin, Minn.)** and sophomore **BILL BISHOP (Barrington, Ill.)** each won two titles against North Carolina. Croaston won both the one-meter (272.30) and three-meter (300.05) diving competition. Bishop took the 1,000 free (9:21.53) and 400 IM (4:01.75).



SCOREBOARD

TOP INDIVIDUAL EVENT TIME (1997-98)

50 FREE -- 20.49, Ty Bathurst (1st, vs. UNC)
 100 FREE -- 45.50*, Alex Massura (1st, vs. UNC)
 200 FREE -- 1:39.52*, Alex Massura (1st, at Iowa)
 500 FREE -- 4:36.53, Bill Bishop (2nd, at Iowa)
 1000 FREE -- 9:21.53, Bill Bishop (1st, vs. UNC)
 1650 FREE! -- 15:10.55*+§, Bill Bishop (8th, NCAAs)
 100 BACK -- 48.88*, Alex Massura (1st, vs. UNC)
 200 BACK -- 1:49.14*, Alex Massura (1st, vs. UNC)
 100 BREAST -- 56.74, Oscar Godoi (1st, vs. UNC)
 200 BREAST -- 2:03.90, Chris Wood (1st, vs. UNC)
 100 FLY -- 49.42, Martin Zielinski (1st, vs. UNC)
 200 FLY -- 1:50.57, Yoav Meiri (2nd, vs. UNC)
 200 IM -- 1:52.68, Jono McLeod (1st, vs. UNC)
 400 IM -- 4:01.75, Bill Bishop (1st, vs. UNC)

* personal best
 + Minnesota Varsity Record
 # Minnesota Freshman Record
 § earned All-America honors
 & earned Honorable Mention All-America honors
 ! has not been competed in this season; time is from last year

LAST TIME

MINNESOTA vs. NORTH CAROLINA (Aquatic Center) Nov. 8-9, 1997

Event Winners

Swimmer	Event	Time
MINN-A	200 medley relay	1:30.82
(Hulseman, Godoi, Zielinski, Bathurst)		
Dan Croaston	1-M diving	272.30
Bill Bishop	1000 freestyle	9:21.53
Alex Massura	100 backstroke	48.88^
Oscar Godoi	100 breaststroke	56.74
Ty Bathurst	50 freestyle	20.49
Jono McLeod	200 individual med.	1:52.68
Dan Croaston	3-M diving	300.05
Bill Bishop	400 individual med.	4:01.75
Alex Massura	100 freestyle	45.50
Alex Massura	200 backstroke	1:49.14
Martin Zielinski	100 butterfly	49.42
Chris Wood	200 breaststroke	2:03.90
MINN-A	400 freestyle relay	3:02.27
(Massura, Cahoy, Lopez, Rients)		

^ NCAA consideration time
 % NCAA automatic time

TENNIS

IT'S A WRAP: Minnesota closed out its fall tournament season with the 15th annual Ice Volleys Showcase this past weekend, Fri.-Sat., Nov. 7-8. The Golden Gophers will not compete again until Jan. 6-10, when the team plays in the Milwaukee Classic in Milwaukee, Wis.

VOLLEYS VIEW: Freshman **JORGE DUENAS** (Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic) was the only Golden Gopher to win his flight at the Ice Volleys Showcase this past weekend. Duenas, the U of M's No. 4 singles player, won three matches en route to the Bulgarian Flight title, including a 6-3, 3-6, 6-2 win over the Bulgarian Davis Cup Team member Mihail Kanev in the finals.

The Golden Gophers' No. 3 doubles team of junior **ADAM SELKIRK** (St. Joseph, Mo.) and freshman **JON SVENSSON** (Kristianstad, Sweden) advanced to the finals of the Maroon Flight with victories over Washington's team of Berman and Rampazzo (8-6) and the Bulgarian Davis Cup Team's Tzvetkov and Ivanchev (8-6). Selkirk and Svensson lost to Arizona State's Amir Ran and Miles Rogers, 8-4, in the finals.

FALL LEADERS: Junior **TOM CHICOINE** (Neenah, Wis.) held the Golden Gophers' best singles record with an 11-4 mark during the fall season. Chicoine, the Maroon and Gold's No. 1 singles player, won the No. 1 singles pool at the Seminole Fall Tennis Classic in Tallahassee, Fla., Oct. 24-26 and lost in the finals of the

University of New Mexico Alumni Coaches Tennis Challenge in Albuquerque, N.M., Sept. 19-21.

Duenas, in addition to his Ice Volleys title, won the No. 4 singles pool of the Seminole Fall Tennis Classic and posted an 11-5 fall record.

The doubles team of sophomore captain **MARTIN MICHALOWSKI** (Ottawa, Ontario, Canada) and Parry posted the Golden Gophers' top doubles record, going 11-3 over the fall and winning three doubles titles, including the BellSouth Mobility title in Lafayette, La., Oct. 3-5.

Selkirk also captured a singles title over the fall, winning the UNM Alumni Coaches Tennis Challenge consolation bracket.



RANKINGS: The University of Minnesota is ranked No. 46 in the nation according to the ITA's fall preseason rankings. Jorge Duenas is the only individual ranked, checking in at No. 100. The winter/spring rankings will not be available until January, but can be accessed through the internet at: www.tennisonline.com

SCOREBOARD

Singles	Overall	Dual	Tourn.	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6
Tom Chicoine	11-4		11-4	*					
Adam Selkirk	4-8		4-8		*				
M. Michalowski	9-5		9-5			*			
Jorge Duenas	11-5		11-5				*		
Tyson Parry	8-7		8-7					*	
Jon Svensson	6-7		6-7						*
Aaron Dvorak	2-4		2-4						
M. Kristoffersen	3-5		3-5						
Ed Marques	1-6		1-6						
Voke Okoh	0-2		0-2						
Doubles	Overall	Dual	Tourn.	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6
Chicoine/Duenas	5-6		5-6	*					
Michalowski/Parry	11-3		11-3		*				
Selkirk/Svensson	6-3		6-3			*			
Marques/Dvorak	1-1		1-1						
Marques/Okoh	1-1		1-1						
Svensson/Kristoffersen	2-1		2-1						

* anticipated 1998 dual match lineup

LAST TIME

ICE VOLLEYS SHOWCASE (Bloomington, Minn.) (Nov. 8-9)

Singles	Player	Finish	Flight
	Tom Chicoine	4th	Huskies
	Adam Selkirk	8th	Sun Devils
	M. Michalowski	4th	Sun Devils
	Jorge Duenas	1st	Bulgarian
	Tyson Parry	5th	Wolverine
	Jon Svensson	6th	Wolverine
	M. Kristoffersen	4th	Wolverine
	Ed Marques	2nd	Gopher
	Aaron Dvorak	3rd	Gopher
Doubles	Team	Finish	Flight
	Chicoine/Duenas	T6th	Gold
	Michalowski/Parry	T6th	Gold
	Selkirk/Svensson	2nd	Maroon

WRESTLING

RETURN TO DOMINANCE: The Golden Gopher grapplers will begin their 1997-98 season at the Bison Open hosted by North Dakota State on Saturday, Nov. 15, in Fargo, N.D. Minnesota has six returning titleholders from last season's open: **JASON DAVIDS (Forest Lake, Minn.) (142)**, **DELANEY BERGER (Mandan, N.D.) (158)**, **ZAC TAYLOR (Sandpoint, Idaho) (167)**, **BRANDON EGGUM (Sidney, Mont.) (177)** and **TIM HARTUNG (Durand, Wis.) (190)**.

All wrestlers can compete in the open at any weight class. All records at the Bison Open, however, do not count in the final season standings.

ALL-AMERICAN TEAM: With five All-Americans and nine NCAA qualifiers returning, Head Coach J Robinson's Golden Gophers stand poised to dominate on the national scene and make a run at the Big Ten and national championships.

After turning in one of the best seasons in school history, which included a runner-up finish in the Big Ten, a school-record 10 NCAA qualifiers and a third-place NCAA showing, Minnesota will only be stronger in 1997-98 on the strength of its experienced veterans as well as the addition of one of the best recruiting classes in the nation, according to Amateur Wrestling News and Wrestling Institute Newsmagazine.



GOING POLLING: The University of Minnesota wrestling team is ranked third in the nation in the National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA)/Amateur Wrestling News preseason poll, trailing Oklahoma State and Iowa in the preseason rankings.

Individually, two-time All-Americans Jason Davids and **CHAD KRAFT (Lakefield, Minn.)** are the top ranked wrestlers in their weight classes. Davids, a senior, is ranked first at 142 lbs. after placing third at the 1997 NCAA Championships. Kraft, is the top ranked wrestler at 150 after his third-place showing at the NCAA meet.

Senior All-American **SHELTON BENJAMIN (Susanville, Calif.)** is ranked second at heavyweight, and defending Big Ten champion and 1997 All-America selection Tim Hartung is ranked third at 190.

Other ranked Minnesota wrestlers include junior All-American **PAT CONNORS (Longview, Wash.)** who is sixth at 126, and junior **TROY MARR (Wyoming, Minn.)** who is the eighth-ranked wrestler at 134.

A complete listing of the top 20 teams:

1. Oklahoma State, 2. Iowa, 3. Minnesota, 4. Michigan, 5. Nebraska, 6. Arizona State, 7. Oklahoma, 8. Penn State, 9. Iowa State, 10. Edinboro, 11. Pittsburgh, 12. Lehigh, 13. Illinois, 14. Pennsylvania, 15. Ohio State, 16. Northwestern, 17. Rider, 18. Oregon State, 19. Clarion, 20. Wisconsin

SCOREBOARD

TOP RETURNING INDIVIDUAL RECORDS (1996-97)

118 lbs. -- 13-2, Brett Lawrence
 126 lbs. -- 20-8, Pat Connors (4-1, 3rd, Big Ten; 3-3, 8th, NCAA)
 134 lbs. -- 20-8, Troy Marr (2-2, 5th, Big Ten; 2-2 NCAA)
 142 lbs. -- 34-4, Jason Davids (3-1, 2nd, Big Ten; 5-1, 3rd, NCAA)
 150 lbs. -- 31-5, Chad Kraft (3-1, 2nd, Big Ten; 5-1, 3rd, NCAA)
 158 lbs. -- 27-11, Josh Holiday (3-1, 3rd, Big Ten; 1-2, NCAA)
 167 lbs. -- 21-9, Zac Taylor (21-9, 2-2, 4th, Big Ten; 1-2, NCAA)
 177 lbs. -- 19-10, Brandon Eggum (2-2, 4th, Big Ten; 0-2, NCAA)
 190 lbs. -- 34-2, Tim Hartung (4-0, 1st, Big Ten; 5-1, 3rd, NCAA)
 HWT -- 25-16, Shelton Benjamin (2-3, 6th, Big Ten; 6-2, 5th, NCAA)

LAST TIME

RETURNING ALL-AMERICANS

Wrestler	Weight Class	Place	Record at NCAAs
Pat Connors	126	8th	3-3
Jason Davids	142	3rd	5-1
Chad Kraft	150	3rd	5-1
Tim Hartung	190*	3rd	5-1
Shelton Benjamin	HWT	5th	6-2

*Big Ten Champion



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THIS WEEK IN GOPHER SPORTS

Fri., Nov. 28

- **Hockey** at Michigan
Ann Arbor, Mich.
MSC (live)
KSTP Radio (1500)
6 p.m.
- **Wrestling** at Northern Open
Madison, Wis.
All Day

Sun., Nov. 30

- **Hockey** at Michigan State
East Lansing, Mich.
MSC (live)
KSTP Radio (1500)
1:05 p.m.

GOPHER HOTLINE

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Due to the Holiday weekend and shortened sports schedule, the hotline will only feature one day of interviews.

Wednesday, November 26:

Head Hockey Coach Doug Woog previews the College Hockey Showcase versus Michigan and Michigan State.

DID YOU KNOW?

The University of Minnesota cross country team finished 18th in the nation at the NCAA Championships Monday. It was the Golden Gophers' first trip to the NAAs since 1981. Sophomore **ERIC PIERCE** led the team with a 44th-place finish.

WEEKLY RELEASES

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CYBERSPACED!

After the University of Minnesota introduced its athletics website on Sept. 9, the site has received nothing but good news. First the website was named "Best in the State" by the Minnesota Magazine Publishers Association. Then the University Alumni magazine highlighted the site in a column featuring the magazine's favorite website. Now the site is approaching 300,000 page views or "hits." The men's and women's athletics media relations departments, along with MSP Inter@ctive, who created the site, are pleased with the outpouring of positive response on the website the departments work hard to maintain.

The site, whose address is www.gophersports.com, features Golden Gopher sports news, schedules, ticket information, parking and maps, Kid's Club information, details on the Williams Club and other booster clubs and much, much more. The site currently has individual sports pages for 10 men's and five women's sports, including football, men's and women's basketball and men's and women's hockey. The site also offers fans a chance to subscribe to Gopher Report and receive updated Minnesota information and facts via e-mail.

Anyone wishing to give feedback to the University of Minnesota website can do so by emailing micaweb@tc.umn.edu.

SWIMMING & DIVING

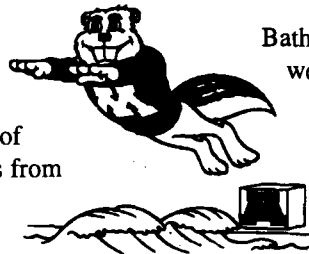
PACK IT IN: Following the Minnesota Invitational, the Golden Gophers have the rest of the fall off to train. Minnesota will be back in action Friday, Dec. 19, when the team swims against Hawaii in Honolulu, Hawaii while on its winter training trip.

KING OF THEIR OWN HILL:

The University of Minnesota swimming and diving team won the Minnesota Invitational, Sunday, at the University Aquatic Center. Sunday's final day of competition saw the men's team win all seven events from the five-team pool

The men's three-day total of 1,611.5 points was bolstered by its event sweep Sunday afternoon. Six different individuals won titles Sunday, while the 400 freestyle relay team also won.

Sophomore **BILL BISHOP** (Barrington, Ill.) and freshman **ALEX MASSURA**, (Belo Horizonte, Brazil) both swam under NCAA consideration time, as Bishop won the 1650 freestyle (15:29.78) and Massura captured the 200 backstroke with a Minnesota Invitational record time of 1:45.53. The 400 freestyle relay team of Massura, senior **TY BATHURST** (Albuquerque, N.M.), senior **JEREMY RIENS** (Apple Valley, Minn.), and anchor junior **LUIS LOPEZ** (Aurora, Colo.), swam the fastest 400 free relay time in the nation this year with an



NCAA consideration and Minnesota Invitational record time of 2:59.74.

Also winning for the men were Bathurst in the 100 freestyle (45.16), junior **JONO MCLEOD** (Regina, Sask.), in the 200 breaststroke (2:05.19) junior **MARTIN ZIELINSKI** (Bloomington, Minn.) in the 200 butterfly (1:50.07) and freshman **DAN CROASTON** (Champlin, Minn.), who took the platform diving competition (385.05).

Bathurst and Zielinski each won three titles over the weekend, while McLeod and Bishop had two event crowns. Minnesota captured 17 of the possible 18 events.

NATIONAL SCENE: The Golden Gophers entered the CSCAA Speedo America's first national poll of the season at No. 12. Minnesota finished the 1996-97 season tied for 12th at the NCAA Championships with Nebraska. Leading the nation's top 25 is defending national champion Auburn, followed by No. 2 Stanford, No. 3 Texas, No. 4 Georgia and No. 5 Southern California.

SCOREBOARD

TOP INDIVIDUAL EVENT TIME (1997-98)

50 FREE — 20.38, Ty Bathurst (1st, Minn. Invite)
 100 FREE — 45.16, Ty Bathurst (1st, Minn. Invite)
 200 FREE — 1:39.52*, Alex Massura (1st, at Iowa)
 500 FREE — 4:30.67*, Tim Sheely (1st, Minn. Invite)
 1000 FREE — 9:21.53, Bill Bishop (1st, vs. UNC)
 1650 FREE — 15:29.78, Bill Bishop (1st, Minn. Invite)
 100 BACK — 48.88#*, Alex Massura (1st, vs. UNC)
 200 BACK — 1:45.53#*, Alex Massura (1st, Minn. Invite)
 100 BREAST — 55.79*, Ty Bathurst (1st, Minn. Invite)
 200 BREAST — 2:03.90, Chris Wood (1st, vs. UNC)
 100 FLY — 48.54, Martin Zielinski (1st, Minn. Invite)
 200 FLY — 1:50.07, Martin Zielinski (1st, Minn. Invite)
 200 IM — 1:51.40, Jono McLeod (1st, Minn. Invite)
 400 IM — 3:56.77, Bill Bishop (1st, Minn. Invite)

* personal best
 + Minnesota Varsity Record
 # Minnesota Freshman Record

LAST TIME

MINNESOTA vs. MINNESOTA INVITATIONAL (Aquatic Center) Nov. 21-23, 1997

Event Winners	Swimmer	Event	Time
	MINN-A	200 free relay	1:21.13^&
		(Bathurst, Schindler, Riens, Lopez)	
	Tim Sheely	500 freestyle	4:30.67
	Jono McLeod	200 individual med.	1:51.40
	Ty Bathurst	50 freestyle	20.38^
	MINN-A	400 medley relay	3:19.10
		(Massura, Godoi, Zielinski, Riens)	
	MINN-A	200 medley relay	1:29.75^&
		(Hulseman, Bathurst, Zielinski, Schindler)	
	Bill Bishop	400 individual med.	3:56.77
	Martin Zielinski	100 butterfly	48.54^
	Ty Bathurst	100 breaststroke	55.79^
	Martin Zielinski	100 backstroke	50.50
	MINN-A	800 free relay	6:44.70
		(Riens, Cahoy, McLeod, Massura)	
	Bill Bishop	1650 free	15:29.78^
	Alex Massura	200 backstroke	1:45.53^&
	Ty Bathurst	100 freestyle	45.16
	Jono McLeod	200 breaststroke	2:05.19
	Martin Zielinski	200 butterfly	1:50.07
	MINN-A	400 free relay	2:59.74^&
		(Massura, Bathurst, Riens, Lopez)	

^ NCAA consideration time
 % NCAA automatic time
 & Minnesota Invitational Record

WRESTLING

THIS WEEK: Minnesota travels to Madison, Wis., Friday, Nov. 28, to compete in its third open tournament of the season. The team will resume dual meet action when it takes on Mankato State at the Sports Pavilion Thursday, Dec. 4.

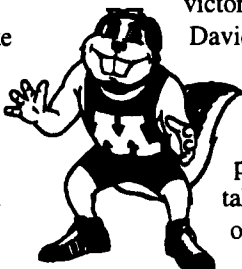
DOMINATION: The third-ranked University of Minnesota wrestling team defeated North Dakota State University 37-7 and Friday, in Fargo, N.D. The Golden Gophers won eight of the 10 weight classes en route to the season-opening win.

Senior **JASON DAVIDS** (Forest Lake, Minn.) and junior **TIM HARTUNG** (Durand, Wis.) led the Golden Gophers, with each wrestler pinning his opponent. Davids, the No. 1 ranked wrestler at 142 pounds, pinned NDSU's Jason Cuperus, the brother of current Minnesota freshman Mike Cuperus, in 2:30. He is now 6-0 overall on the young season. Hartung, ranked No. 2 in his weight class, won his match over NDSU's Ryan Wolters in 2:30 to record his fifth pin of the season. He is now 5-0 on the season.

Sophomores **DELANEY BERGER** (Mandan, N.D.) and **BRANDON EGGUM** (Sidney, Mont.) won their matches by technical fall to score five points each in Minnesota's victory. Berger moved to 5-0 on the year with his 17-2 technical fall

(3:48) over NDSU's Steve Saxlund. Eggum also became 5-0 with his 21-6 victory over Greg Schreder in 6:53.

Three Golden Gophers won their matches by major decisions. Freshman **BRETT LAWRENCE** defeated NDSU's Ben Peake 14-6 at 118 pounds, recording his third win of the season. Junior **BART GOLYER** (Cedar, Minn.) scored an 11-3 victory over NDSU's Kris Nelson at 126 pounds to move to 5-0 on the season. **BRENT BOESHANS** (Beulah, N.D.) recorded his first victory of the year with his 14-2 major-decision win over David Clymer.



Junior **PAT CONNORS** (Longview, Wash.) won his match, 9-6, over NDSU's George Thompson at 134 pounds. Tied 4-4 after two periods, Connors used two takedowns in the third period to score the victory, his fifth of the season.

GOING POLLING: The University of Minnesota wrestling team is ranked third in the nation in the National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA)/Amateur Wrestling News preseason poll, trailing Oklahoma State and Iowa in the preseason rankings.the NCAA meet.

SCOREBOARD

LEADING INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

TOP RETURNING INDIVIDUAL RECORDS (1996-97)

118 lbs. -- 13-2, Brett Lawrence
 126 lbs. -- 20-8, Pat Connors (4-1, 3rd, Big Ten; 3-3, 8th, NCAA)
 134 lbs. -- 20-8, Troy Marr (2-2, 5th, Big Ten; 2-2 NCAA)
 142 lbs. -- 34-4, Jason Davids (3-1, 2nd, Big Ten; 5-1, 3rd, NCAA)
 150 lbs. -- 31-5, Chad Kraft (3-1, 2nd, Big Ten; 5-1, 3rd, NCAA)
 158 lbs. -- 27-11, Josh Holiday (3-1, 3rd, Big Ten; 1-2, NCAA)
 167 lbs. -- 21-9, Zac Taylor (21-9, 2-2, 4th, Big Ten; 1-2, NCAA)
 177 lbs. -- 19-10, Brandon Eggum (2-2, 4th, Big Ten; 0-2, NCAA)
 190 lbs. -- 34-2, Tim Hartung (4-0, 1st, Big Ten; 5-1, 3rd, NCAA)
 HWT -- 25-16, Shelton Benjamin (2-3, 6th, Big Ten; 6-2, 5th, NCAA)

LAST TIME

RETURNING ALL-AMERICANS

Wt.	Wrestler	Decision
118	Brett Lawrence (MINN)	major dec. Ben Peake (NDSU) 14-6
126	Bart Golyer (MINN)	major dec. Kris Nelson (NDSU) 11-3
134	Pat Connors (MINN)	dec. George Thompson (NDSU) 9-6
142	Jason Davids (MINN)	pinned Jason Cuperus (NDSU), 2:30
150	Wayne Mooney (NDSU)	dec. Troy Marr (MINN) 6-0
158	Mark Pazdernik (NDSU)	major dec. Jesse Krebs (MINN) 16-6
167	Delaney Berger (MINN)	tech. fall Steve Saxlund (NDSU) 17-2, 3:48
177	Brandon Eggum (MINN)	tech. fall Greg Schreder (NDSU) 21-6, 6:53
190	Tim Hartung (MINN)	pinned Ryan Wolters (NDSU), 2:30
HWT	Brent Boeshans (MINN)	major dec. David Clymer (NDSU) 14-2

CROSS COUNTRY

IT ALL HAS TO END SOMETIME: Minnesota took 18th out of 22 teams at the NCAA Championships, Monday to cap off its successful 1997 season. The U of M finished the season with two first-place finishes, a fourth-place finish at the Big Ten Championships, second-place finish at the NCAA District V Championships and 18th at the NCAA Championships.

- entering the national rankings at No. 22 (9/30), the team's first top 25 ranking in over 10 years. Minnesota then stayed among the nation's elite for four more weeks before falling to No. 27 (11/5)

- a fourth-place finish at the Big Ten Championships, the Golden Gophers' best placement since 1993
- a trip to the NCAA Championships, its first since 1981
- an 18th-place finish at the NCAA Championships

MINNESOTA AND THE NCAAS:

Sophomore **ERIC PIERCE** (Forest Lake, Minn.) led the Golden Gophers in their first NCAA Championships appearance since 1981 with his 44th-place finish (30:51). Stanford won the NCAA crown with 53 points. Michigan was the top Big Ten finisher at fourth, followed by Wisconsin in fifth, Michigan State in seventh and the Golden Gophers in 18th.



SEASON ACCOMPLISHMENTS: It's been a season full of success for Minnesota. Some of the accomplishments of the team include:

- winning two fall invitationals (Lester Park, 9/13; Iowa, 10/18)
- a third-place finish at the Roy Griak Invitational (9/27), the team's best finish in its history at that event

SCOREBOARD

	Best Time	Best Finish
Matt Carter	26:16 (10/18)	18th (9/13)
Eric Hartmark	25:24 (10/18)	5th (10/18)
Chad Johnson	24:20.0 (10/11)+&	2nd (9/13; 10/18+)
Todd Landgraaff	25:24.2 (10/11)	10th (9/13)
Charles McClure	24:56.0 (10/11)	3rd (9/13)
Eric Pierce	24:56.0 (10/11)	6th (9/13)
Jeremy Polson	24:58.5 (9/27)+	1st (9.13)+&
Tony Riter	25:06.2 (10/11)	8th (9/13)
Mike Stoick	25:05.8 (10/11)	4th (9/13)

+ led the team at the meet
& team's best time or finish this season
(Does not include Marathon Sports 5K times)

LAST TIME

At the NCAA Championships (10K) Furman University

Place	Team	Points	Score of the Top Five Finishers				
1.	Stanford	53	5	7	10	13	18
2.	Arkansas	56	3	6	9	11	27
3.	Colorado	108	2	21	26	28	31
4.	Michigan	116	1	8	16	37	54
5.	Wisconsin	201	17	33	39	55	57
6.	NC State	214	19	24	45	60	66
7.	Michigan St.	257	25	42	53	56	81
8.	Oregon	266	22	34	67	68	75
9.	Will. & Mary	274	12	46	58	71	87
10.	Weber State	278	36	38	48	73	83
18.	Minnesota	424	44	64	97	100	119

(22 teams competed; this just reflects the top 10 and Minnesota)

MINNESOTA RUNNERS

Place	Runner	Time
44	E. Pierce	30:51
64	T. Riter	31:09
97	J. Polson	31:44
100	E. Hartmark	31:47
119	C. McClure	33:52
123	M. Stoick	32:18
138	C. Johnson	33:04

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- Wed., Dec. 3**
- Basketball** vs. Eastern Michigan
Williams Arena
MSC (live)
WCCO Radio (830)
7:05 p.m.
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- Thurs., Dec. 4**
- Wrestling** vs. Mankato State
Sports Pavilion
7:30 p.m.

- Fri., Dec. 5**
- Basketball** vs. Western Carolina
Williams Arena
MSC (live)
WCCO Radio (830)
7:05 p.m.
 - Wrestling** at Truman State/Augustana
Jackson, Minn.
7 p.m./8:30 p.m.

FOOTBALL AWARD WINNERS

The Big Ten Conference has announced the All-Big Ten Team for the 1997 season as chosen by the coaches and media. Following is a list of Golden Gopher honorees:

- Athlete, All-Big Ten Team, position -- selection panel**
 Lamanzer Williams, First Team, defense -- media and coaches
 Tutu Atwell, Second Team, offense -- media and coaches
 Tyrone Carter, Second Team, defense -- media and coaches
 Honorable Mention: Adam Bailey, kicker; Ben Hamilton, offense -- media and coaches

DID YOU KNOW?

Senior defensive end **LAMANZER WILLIAMS** was named to the Football Writers Association of America's All-America Team? Williams became Minnesota's first football player in 26 years to be selected as an All-American after leading the nation with a single-season school record 18.5 sacks.

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- Tuesday, December 2:**
Head Basketball Coach **Clem Haskins** previews Eastern Michigan
- Wednesday, December 3:**
Junior guard/forward **Quincy Lewis**
- Thursday, December 4:**
Head Basketball Coach **Clem Haskins** previews Western Carolina

- Friday, December 5:**
Senior guard **Eric Harris**
- Saturday, December 6:** Head Basketball Coach **Clem Haskins'** Western Carolina postgame comments
- Sun., December 7:** No hotline today

WRESTLING

THIS WEEK: The Golden Gophers open their home schedule Thursday, Dec. 4 in a dual meet with Mankato State at the Sports Pavilion at 7:30 p.m. The next night, Minnesota hosts Truman State and Augustana in a dual meet at Jackson High School in Jackson, Minn. Action starts at 4 p.m. with a dual meet between Augustana and Truman State. Jackson High School will then face Fairmont High School at approximately 5:30 p.m. The Golden Gophers will compete against Truman State at 7 p.m. and Augustana at 8:30 p.m.

Minnesota's other title winners. Benjamin won his second consecutive Northern Open title, decisioning Perry Miller of UW-Stevens Point, 16-10, to finish first at heavyweight. At 167 pounds, Taylor defeated teammate **DELANEY BERGER** (So., Mandan, N.D.), 6-2, for the win. Holiday took first at 158 pounds, decisioning Northwestern's Steve Bucciero, 12-2.

Hartung also won his second straight Northern Open title, defeating Wisconsin's Aaron Stark, 11-2, in the championship match at 190 pounds. Eggum took first at 177 pounds, decisioning Central Michigan's Mike Greenfield, 6-1.



NORTHERN OPEN RESULTS: Six Golden Gophers won tournament titles at the 1997 Northern Open Friday, Nov. 28 in Madison, Wis. Eleven other Minnesota wrestlers placed in their weight classes.

Senior **JASON DAVIDS** (Forest Lake, Minn.) led the Golden Gophers, finishing first at 142 pounds after defeating Lassen College's Reggie Wright, 6-4. Davids was a perfect 6-0 at the tournament, pinning four of his six opponents.

Seniors **SHELTON BENJAMIN** (Susanville, Calif.) and **ZAC TAYLOR** (Sandpoint, Idaho), juniors **JOSH HOLIDAY** (Anaheim, Calif.) and **TIM HARTUNG** (Durand, Wis.) and sophomore **BRANDON EGGUM** (Sidney, Mont.) were

SCOREBOARD

TOP INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

Wt.	Name	Overall	Total	Dual	Big Ten	Pins
118	Brett Lawrence	6-1	6-1	1-0	0-0	0
	Leroy Vega	11-2	11-2	0-0	0-0	2
	Julio Alaniz	6-4	6-4	0-0	0-0	0
126	Bart Golyer	11-1	11-1	1-0	0-0	3
	Pat Connors	9-1	4-1	0-0	0-0	2
134	Chad Erickson	12-2	12-2	0-0	0-0	4
	Ty Friederichs	6-3	6-3	0-0	0-0	1
	Pat Connors		5-0	1-0	0-0	2
	Josh Krebs	7-3	7-3	0-0	0-0	3
	Troy Marr	8-2	4-1	0-0	0-0	2
142	Jason Davids	12-0	12-0	1-0	0-0	8
	Joe Calavitta	9-2	9-2	0-0	0-0	2
	Troy Marr		4-0	0-0	0-0	0
150	Brad Pike	10-1	10-1	0-0	0-0	0
	Eddie Pak	5-6	5-6	0-0	0-0	0
	Troy Marr		0-1	0-1	0-0	0
158	Tim Kinsella	10-1	10-1	0-0	0-0	0
	Jesse Krebs	4-3	4-3	0-1	0-0	0
	Josh Holiday	9-0	9-0	0-0	0-0	1
167	Delaney Berger	9-1	9-1	1-0	0-0	1
	Zac Taylor	9-1	9-1	0-0	0-0	4
	Mike Cuperus	14-2	14-2	0-0	0-0	5
	Matt Kraft	7-2	7-2	0-0	0-0	0
177	Brandon Eggum	9-0	9-0	1-0	0-0	2
	Kenneth Howard	3-3	3-3	0-0	0-0	1
190	Tim Hartung	9-0	9-0	1-0	0-0	8
	Owen Elzen	7-4	7-4	0-0	0-0	4
HWT	Shelton Benjamin	8-1	8-1	0-0	0-0	4
	Brent Boeshans	7-3	7-3	1-0	0-0	1

LAST TIME

NORTHERN OPEN RESULTS

Brett Lawrence — second at 118 pounds
 Leroy Vega — fifth at 118 pounds
 Pat Connors — second at 126 pounds
 Bart Golyer — fifth at 126 pounds
 Troy Marr — second at 134 pounds
 Chad Erickson — third at 134 pounds
 Jason Davids — first at 142 pounds
 Brad Pike — fifth at 150 pounds
 Josh Holiday — first at 158 pounds
 Tim Kinsella — fifth at 158 pounds
 Mike Cuperus — third at 167 pounds
 Zac Taylor — first at 167 pounds
 Brandon Eggum — first at 177 pounds
 Tim Hartung — first at 190 pounds
 Brent Boeshans — fifth at heavyweight
 Shelton Benjamin — first at heavyweight



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Sat., Dec. 13

- **Basketball** vs. Nebraska
 Williams Arena
 MSC (live)
 WCCO Radio (830)
 7:05 p.m.

Sun., Dec. 14

- **Wrestling** at Fresno State/San Francisco St.
 Fresno, Calif.
 11 a.m./1 p.m.
- **Wrestling** at Bakersfield
 Bakersfield, Calif.
 7 p.m.

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ACADEMIC ALL-BIG TEN SELECTIONS

The Big Ten has announced its Academic All-Big Ten selections for the fall season. In order to be eligible for the award, athletes must be a letterwinner in their second year academically with the university and maintain above a "B" average or 3.0 grade-point average.

CROSS COUNTRY

Name	Yr.	GPA	Major	Hometown
Eric Hartmark	So.	3.31	Pre-Business	Duluth, Minn.
Charles McClure	So.	3.50	Mech. Engineering	Brookfield, Wis.

FOOTBALL

Name	Yr.	GPA	Major	Hometown
Luke Braaten	So.	3.27	Math Education	Litchfield, Minn.
Jason Hagman	Jr.	3.51	Mech. Engineering	Austin, Minn.
Erin McManus	Jr.	3.18	Animal-Plant Sys./ Environmental Horticulture	Dresser, Wis.
Brad Prigge	So.	3.38	Pre-Kinesiology	Zumbrota, Minn.
Cory Sauter	Sr.	3.38	Phys. Education/ Master's Education	Hutchinson, Minn.
Theron Von Behren	So.	3.16	History	So. St. Paul, Minn.
Parc Williams	Jr.	3.37	Kinesiology	Zumbrota, Minn.

DID YOU KNOW?

With a No. 3 national ranking, the Golden Gopher wrestling program is currently the highest-ranked or the University of Minnesota Men's Athletics Department. The Golden Gopher grapplers are undefeated in dual-meet action and are led by two top-ranked wrestlers in their respective weight classes. Senior **JASON DAVIDS** is No. 1 in the nation at 142 lbs., while junior **CHAD KRAFT** is No. 1 at 150 lbs.

WRESTLING

NEXT WEEK: The No. 3 Golden Gophers, now 4-0 on the season, take a break for finals and then hit the road for dual meets Dec. 14 against San Francisco State and Fresno State in Fresno, Calif., and against California State-Bakersfield in Bakersfield, Calif. The Golden Gophers completed the same circuit during the 1995-96 season and came back from Cally with a 2-1 record. Minnesota tied with Fresno State 18-18 and defeated San Francisco State 33-5 and Cal St.-Bakersfield 17-16 in dual meets Dec. 10, 1995.

MANKATO STATE 38-0: The Golden Gophers shut out the Mankato State Mavericks 38-0 in its home opener Thursday night at the Sports Pavilion.

Freshman **BRETT LAWRENCE** (Sandpoint, Idaho) started Minnesota's scoring, outscoring Mankato State's Jason Zitzman 6-2 in the third period to record the 12-4 win at 118 pounds, his seventh of the season. At 126 pounds, junior **BART GOLYER** (Cedar, Minn.) overcame a 2-0 deficit going into the third period and decisioned MSU's Marc Schulze 4-2 in overtime. Junior **PAT CONNORS** (Longview, Wash.) decisioned Mankato State's Travis Shives 7-3 at 134 pounds.

The match at 142 pounds featured a match-up of the nation's top-ranked wrestlers at the Division I and Division II levels in

Minnesota's **JASON DAVIDS** (Sr., Forest Lake, Minn.) and Mankato State's Troy Szydel. Davids held off Szydel's attack in the third period to win the match 11-10. At 150 pounds, **CHAD KRAFT** (Jr., Lakefield, Minn.), the nation's No. 1 ranked wrestler at that weight, continued the momentum for the Golden Gophers, defeating Mankato State's John Alexander by technical fall 26-11 to record his first win of the season.

No. 10 **JOSH HOLIDAY** (Jr., Anaheim, Calif.) notched his second pin of the season with his victory over MSU's Eric Van Kley 5:56 into his match at 158 pounds. At 167 pounds, senior **ZAC TAYLOR** (Sandpoint, Idaho), who is ranked sixth in the nation, recorded his second technical fall of the year with his 26-11 decision over Mankato State's Andy Schamalriedt.

At 177 pounds, sophomore **BRANDON EGGUM** (Sidney, Mont.) defeated Mankato State's Billy Dehmer with a 19-6 major decision. Junior **TIM HARTUNG** (Durand, Wis.), the nation's second-ranked wrestler at 190 pounds, also won his 10th straight match with a 24-9 major decision over MSU's Ryan Rettke. Senior heavyweight **SHELTON BENJAMIN** (Orangeburg, Calif.) completed the shutout for the Golden Gophers with a 4-0 victory over Mankato State's Isaiah Larson.



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SCOREBOARD

TOP INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

Wt.	Name	Overall	Total	Dual	Big Ten	Pins
118	Brett Lawrence	9-1	9-1	4-0	0-0	1
	Leroy Vega	11-2	11-2	0-0	0-0	2
	Julio Alaniz	6-4	6-4	0-0	0-0	0
126	Bart Golyer	14-1	14-1	4-0	0-0	4
	Pat Connors	9-1	4-1	0-0	0-0	2
134	Chad Erikson	12-2	12-2	0-0	0-0	4
	Ty Friederichs	6-3	6-3	0-0	0-0	1
	Pat Connors		8-0	4-0	0-0	3
	Josh Krebs	7-3	7-3	0-0	0-0	3
	Troy Marr	8-2	4-1	0-0	0-0	2
142	Jason Davids	15-0	15-0	4-0	0-0	10
	Joe Calavitta	9-2	9-2	0-0	0-0	2
	Troy Marr		4-0	0-0	0-0	0
150	Brad Pike	10-1	10-1	0-0	0-0	0
	Chad Kraft	3-0	3-0	3-0	0-0	1
	Eddie Pak	5-6	5-6	0-0	0-0	0
	Troy Marr		0-1	0-1	0-0	0
158	Tim Kinsella	10-1	10-1	0-0	0-0	0
	Jesse Krebs	4-3	4-3	0-1	0-0	0
	Josh Holiday	12-0	12-0	3-0	0-0	4
167	Delaney Berger	9-1	9-1	1-0	0-0	1
	Zac Taylor	12-1	12-1	3-0	0-0	5
	Mike Cuperus	14-2	14-2	0-0	0-0	5
	Matt Kraft	7-2	7-2	0-0	0-0	0
177	Brandon Eggum	12-0	12-0	4-0	0-0	4
	Kenneth Howard	3-3	3-3	0-0	0-0	1
190	Tim Hartung	12-0	12-0	4-0	0-0	10
	Owen Elzen	7-4	7-4	0-0	0-0	4
HWT	Shelton Benjamin	11-1	11-1	0-0	0-0	4
	Brent Boeshans	7-3	7-3	1-0	0-0	1

LAST TIME

Mankato State at Minnesota

Thursday, Dec. 4 • Sports Pavilion

118 - Brett Lawrence (Minn.) major dec. Jason Zitzman (MSU) 12-4
 126 - Bart Golyer (Minn.) dec. Marc Schulze (MSU) 4-2
 134 - No. 6 Pat Connors (Minn.) dec. Travis Shives (MSU) 7-3
 142 - No. 1 Jason Davids (Minn.) dec. Troy Szydel (MSU) 11-10
 150 - No. 1 Chad Kraft (Minn.) tech. fall John Alexander (MSU) 26-11
 158 - No. 10 Josh Holiday (Minn.) pinned Eric Van Kley (MSU) 5:56
 167 - No. 6 Zac Taylor (Minn.) tech. fall Andy Schamalriedt (MSU) 26-11
 177 - No. 10 Brandon Eggum (Minn.) maj. dec. Billy Dehmer (MSU) 19-6
 190 - No. 2 Tim Hartung (Minn.) tech. fall Ryan Rettke (MSU) 24-9
 HWT - No. 4 Shelton Benjamin (Minn.) dec. Isaiah Larson (MSU) 4-0

WRESTLING

TRUMAN STATE 57-0, AUGUSTANA 53-0

The University of Minnesota wrestling team, the third-ranked team in the nation, notched 12 pins en route to wins Friday night in dual meets against Truman State University and Augustana College at Jackson High School in Jackson, Minn. The Golden Gophers, who are now 4-0 on the season, defeated Truman State 57-0 and Augustana 53-0. The two victories mark Minnesota's second and third shutouts of the season.

Four Golden Gophers recorded pins in both of their matches led by senior **JASON DAVIDS**, the nation's top-ranked wrestler at 142 pounds. Davids, of Forest Lake, Minn., pinned Truman State's Matt Markham in 1:58 and Augustana's Derek Outland in 2:49. Davids is now 15-0 with 10 pins on the season.



Juniors **JOSH HOLIDAY** and **TIM HARTUNG** and sophomore **BRANDON EGGUM** also pinned each of their opponents. Holiday, the nation's No. 10 ranked wrestler at 158 pounds, pinned Truman State's Scott Wence in :31 and Augustana's Blake Bergjord in 4:09 to move to 12-0 on the season. Hartung, ranked No. 2 at 190 pounds, defeated Truman State's Nick Harms in 1:11 and Augustana's Jason Schumacher in 4:29 to earn his 11th and 12th wins of the season. Eggum, the nation's 10th ranked wrestler at 177 pounds, also moved to 12-0

on the season with pins of Truman State's Chris Benner in 1:26 and Augustana's Eric Hage in 1:38.

Senior **ZAC TAYLOR**, of Sandpoint, Idaho, recorded the fastest fall of the night, pinning Truman State's Ross Merritt in 29 seconds. Taylor, ranked sixth in the nation at 167 pounds, won his second match by forfeit and is now 15-1 on the season. Senior **SHELTON BENJAMIN** also moves to 15-1 on the season with a forfeit win over Truman State's James LeMay and a win by technical fall over Augustana's Nate Moudry.

Lakefield native **CHAD KRAFT**, the nation's No. 1 ranked wrestler at 150 pounds, electrified the hometown crowd with his pin of Truman State's Calvin Buhler in 1:13 and his 22-7 victory by technical fall over Augustana's Todd Kirkpatrick.

SCOREBOARD

LATEST RANKINGS: The University of Minnesota wrestling team is ranked third in the nation in the National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA)/Amateur Wrestling News poll released Dec. 2. The Golden Gophers trail only Oklahoma State and Iowa in the Dec. 2 team rankings.

Individually, two-time All-Americans **JASON DAVIDS** and **CHAD KRAFT** (Jr., Lakefield, Minn.) are the top-ranked wrestlers in their weight classes. Davids is ranked first at 142 lbs. after placing third at the 1997 NCAA Championships. Kraft, a junior from Lakefield, Minn., is the top ranked wrestler at 150 after his third-place showing at the NCAA meet. Defending Big Ten champion and 1997 All-America selection **TIM HARTUNG** is ranked second at 190.

Other ranked Minnesota wrestlers include senior All-American **SHELTON BENJAMIN** who is fourth at heavyweight, and junior All-American **PAT CONNORS** who is sixth at 126, senior **ZAC TAYLOR** (Sandpoint, Idaho) who is ranked sixth at 167, junior **TROY MARR** (Wyoming, Minn.) who is the ninth-ranked wrestler at 134, junior **JOSH HOLIDAY** (Anaheim, Calif.) who is 10th at 158 pounds and sophomore **BRANDON EGGUM** (Sidney, Mont.) who is 10th at 177 pounds.

LAST TIME

Minnesota 57, Truman State 0

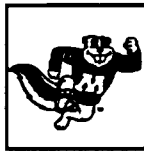
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118 - Brett Lawrence (Minn.) dec. Sean Fowler (TSU) 13-7
126 - Bart Golyer (Minn.) pinned Ken Gawronski (TSU) 6:36
134 - Pat Connors (Minn.) pinned Chris Brown (TSU) 6:35
142 - Jason Davids (Minn.) pinned Matt Markham (TSU) 1:58
150 - Chad Kraft (Minn.) pinned Calvin Buhler (TSU) 1:13
158 - Josh Holiday pinned Scott Wence (TSU) :31
167 - Zac Taylor (Minn.) pinned Ross Merritt (TSU) :29
177 - Brandon Eggum (Minn.) pinned Chris Benner (TSU) 1:26
190 - Tim Hartung (Minn.) pinned Nick Harms (TSU) 1:11
HWT - Shelton Benjamin (Minn.) by forfeit over James LeMay (TSU)

Minnesota 53, Augustana 0

Jackson High School • Jackson, Minn.

118 - Brett Lawrence (Minn.) pinned Charlie Swanson (AC) 2:09
126 - Bart Golyer (Minn.) by forfeit
134 - Pat Connors (Minn.) dec. Jason Bartels (AC) 11-6
142 - Jason Davids (Minn.) pinned Derek Outland (AC) 2:49
150 - Chad Kraft (Minn.) tech. fall Todd Kirkpatrick 22-7
158 - Josh Holiday pinned Blake Bergjord (AC) 4:09
167 - Zac Taylor (Minn.) by forfeit
177 - Brandon Eggum (Minn.) pinned Eric Hage (AC) 1:38
190 - Tim Hartung (Minn.) pinned Jason Schumacher (AC) 4:29
HWT - Shelton Benjamin (Minn.) tech. fall Nate Moudry (AC) 23-8



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THIS WEEK IN GOPHER SPORTS

Wed., Jan. 14

- ☒ **Basketball** vs. Michigan State
Williams Arena
MSC (live)
WCCO Radio (830)
7 p.m.

Fri., Jan. 16

- ☒ **Hockey** vs. Denver
Mariucci Arena
KSTP-AM (1500)
7:35 p.m.
- ☒ **Tennis** vs. New Mexico
98th Street (Bloomington)
6 p.m.

Sat., Jan. 17

- ☒ **Gymnastics** at Windy City Invitational
Chicago, Ill.
6 p.m.
- ☒ **Hockey** vs. Denver
Mariucci Arena
MSC (live)
KSTP-AM (1500)
7:05 p.m.

Sat., Jan. 17

- ☒ **Tennis** vs. Notre Dame
98th Street (Bloomington)
6 p.m.
- ☒ **Track/Field** at Badger Track Classic
Madison, Wis.
All Day
- ☒ **Wrestling** at National Duals
Iowa City, Iowa
All Day

Sun., Jan. 18

- ☒ **Basketball** vs. Iowa
Williams Arena
WCCO-TV (live)
WCCO-AM (830)
3 p.m.
- ☒ **Tennis** vs. Ohio State
98th Street (Bloomington)
9 a.m.
- ☒ **Wrestling** National Duals
Iowa City, Iowa
All Day

WEEKLY RELEASES

The University of Minnesota Men's Media Relations Office will be producing four separate releases during the 1997-98 academic year. Football, basketball and hockey information will be covered in sport-specific weekly releases, while information on "Olympic Sports" will appear each Monday in this release. Please refer any questions to the Men's Media Relations office at (612) 625-4090.

GOPHER HOTLINE

The Golden Gopher Hotline features daily interviews with players and coaches. It is available to the media 24 hours a day by calling (612) 625-7887. The hotline is broadcast quality and is changed by noon each day. This service is for media use only. The schedule for this week is as follows:

Tuesday, January 13:
Head Basketball Coach **Clem Haskins'** media luncheon

Wednesday, January 14:
Head Hockey Coach **Doug Woog** previews the Denver series

Thursday, January 15:
Head Basketball Coach **Clem Haskins'** and Michigan State Head Basketball Coach **Tom Izzo's**

postgame remarks

Friday, January 16:
Head Wrestling Coach **J. Robinson** previews the National Duals

Saturday and Sunday, January 17-18:
Head Basketball Coach **Clem Haskins'** and Iowa Head Basketball Coach **Tom Davis'** postgame remarks

GYMNASTICS

THIS WEEK: The Golden Gophers travel to Chicago, Ill. to take part in the Windy City Invitational Saturday, Jan. 17 at 6 p.m.

FLASHBACK: For the 31st time in as many tries, the Golden Gophers were defeated by the University of Minnesota alumni team. The alumni team was led by two-time Olympian John Roethlisberger and Frank Ticknor, a senior captain on the '97 team.

INJURY FRONT: The Golden Gophers have been slowed by a rash of injuries to key contributors. **DAN BOOTS** (Jr, Pearland, Texas), **CHAD CONNER** (So, Dallas, Texas), **TODD GUILBEAU** (Fr, Houston, Texas) and **BOB HUBBARD** (Sr, Phoenix, Ariz.) were held out of the alumni meet and their status for the Windy City Invitational is uncertain.

NATIONAL RANKINGS: The Golden Gophers enter the 1998 season ranked ninth in the preseason poll by GymInfo. Minnesota finished seventh in the final 1997 rankings.

BEATTY SHINES: Senior co-captain **GEORGE BEATTY** (Aberdeen, N.J.) led the Minnesota effort with a first place finish in the floor exercise competition. He added second-place finishes on the pommel horse and the vault and a third-place finish on the high bar.



SOLID DEBUT: Sophomore **RYAN WINTERBOURNE** (Anaheim, Calif.) made his Golden Gopher debut in the alumni meet. Winterbourne, who did not compete last year, finished second in the floor exercise and third in the all-around.

COACH ROETHLISBERGER: Head Coach Fred Roethlisberger is entering his 27th year at the helm of the University of Minnesota Gymnastics program. Roethlisberger has led his team to 11 Big Ten Championships during his tenure.

SENIOR LEADERSHIP: Senior co-captains Bob Hubbard (Phoenix, Ariz.) and Beatty will be counted on to lead the young Golden Gopher squad this season. The three-year letterwinners, along with **MICHAEL MAMAKOS** (Huntington, N.Y./UCLA), are the only seniors on this year's roster.

SCOREBOARD

TOP GOLDEN GOPHER FINISHERS ANNUAL ALUMNI MEET 1/10/98

All-Around:

3. Ryan Winterbourne, SO 52.20

Floor Exercise:

1. George Beatty, SR 9.40

2. Ryan Winterbourne, SO 9.30

Pommel Horse:

2. George Beatty, SR 9.60

Vault:

2. George Beatty, SR 9.30

3. Lindsey Fang, SO 9.25

High Bar:

3. George Beatty, SR 9.15

GOPHER FLASHES

SEASON OPENER: The Golden Gophers open their 1998 season at the Windy City Invitational in Chicago, Ill., Jan. 17. Second-ranked Ohio State and third-ranked Iowa are among the competitors. Sophomore **LINDSEY FANG** (Allentown, Pa.) captured 18th place in the all-around in his very first collegiate meet as Minnesota finished seventh at last year's event.

BIG TEN OPENER: Minnesota travels to Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 31., to face perennial power Ohio State. Last season against the 1997 Big Ten champions, the Golden Gophers were narrowly defeated by a score of 228.725-228.50.

HOME OPENER: The Golden Gophers host No. 7 Illinois at the Sports Pavilion, Feb. 7. No. 6 Nebraska, No. 3 Iowa and No. 13 Illinois-Chicago are upcoming home opponents for Minnesota.

NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS: The Golden Gophers are looking to get back to the NCAA Championships in University Park, Pa., April 16-18, for the first time since 1993. The NCAA East Regionals are set for April 4 in Amherst, Mass.

SWIMMING & DIVING

THIS WEEK: The 3-1 Golden Gophers are idle until Jan. 23-24, when they swim against No. 16 Nebraska and No. 20 Texas A&M at the Nebraska Triangular in Lincoln, Neb.

WHO TO WATCH: Freshman diver **DAN CROASTON** (Champlin Park, Minn.) has won every event he has competed in this season, hauling in 13 titles in his first season as a Golden Gopher. Most recently, Croaston registered NCAA Championship standard scores on both the 1-meter and 3-meter boards at the Gold Country Invitational Saturday, Jan. 10. He dived season-best scores for six dives against Northwestern Jan. 9 (1-M: 286.88; 3-M: 315.15) and season-best scores for 11 dives at the Gold Country Invitational (1-M: 544.30; 3-M: 606.30).

STOCKPILED: While the Golden Gophers have one blemish on their 3-1 record, their swimmers and divers have found ways to keep the season next to perfect. Besides Croaston's individual 13 first-place finishes, a handful of other Golden Gophers have raked in the wins. Senior freestyler and breaststroker **TY BATHURST** (Albuquerque, N.M.) has won seven of the 10 events he has competed in, taking second and third in two other of the events. December Big Ten Swimmer of the Month fresh-

man **ALEX MASSURA** (Belo Horizonte, Brazil) has taken 11 titles in the 15 events he has competed in, while sophomore **BILL BISHOP** (Barrington, Ill.) has won eight of 13 events. Butterfly specialist **MARTIN ZIELINSKI** (Bloomington, Minn.) has also been successful, taking seven of 12 events.

TID BITS:

√ In its four dual meets this season, Minnesota has been out scoring its opponents by an average of 57 points. Additionally the Golden Gophers have won both the invitationals they have competed in.



√ The Golden Gophers already have swam 13 NCAA consideration standard times.

√ The next two triangular meets the Golden Gophers compete in will feature their only ranked competition since the Nov. 7-8 meet against now-No. 19 North Carolina. Minnesota will face No. 16 Nebraska and No. 20 Texas A&M at the Nebraska Triangular in Lincoln, Neb. (Jan. 23-24) and then swim against No. 21 Purdue and No. 25 Wisconsin at the Triple Duals in Madison, Wis. (Jan. 30-31).

RANKINGS: Minnesota is slated 15th in the nation according to the CSCAA Speedo America Top 25 Poll (Dec. 18). The highest the Golden Gophers have been ranked is 12th when the poll debuted November 13.

SCOREBOARD

OVERALL RECORD: 3-1; BIG TEN RECORD: 1-1
TOP INDIVIDUAL EVENT TIMES
(1997-98)

50 FREE — 20.38, Ty Bathurst (1st, Minn. Invite)
100 FREE — 45.16, Ty Bathurst (1st, Minn. Invite)
200 FREE — 1:39.52*, Alex Massura (1st, at Iowa)
500 FREE — 4:29.15, Bill Bishop (exb., Minn. Invite)
1000 FREE — 9:21.53, Bill Bishop (1st, vs. UNC)
1650 FREE — 15:29.78, Bill Bishop (1st, Minn. Invite)
100 BACK — 48.88#*, Alex Massura (1st, vs. UNC)
200 BACK — 1:45.53#*, Alex Massura (1st, Minn. Invite)
100 BREAST — 55.79*, Ty Bathurst (1st, Minn. Invite)
200 BREAST — 2:03.90, Chris Wood (1st, vs. UNC)
100 FLY — 48.54, Martin Zielinski (1st, Minn. Invite)
200 FLY — 1:50.07, Martin Zielinski (1st, Minn. Invite)
200 IM — 1:51.40, Jono McLeod (1st, Minn. Invite)
400 IM — 3:56.77, Bill Bishop (1st, Minn. Invite)

* personal best
+ Minnesota Varsity Record
Minnesota Freshman Record

GOPHER FLASHES

INTO THE FUTURE: Following the Nebraska Triangular Jan. 23-24, Minnesota will swim against No. 21 Purdue and No. 25 Wisconsin at the Triple Duals in Madison, Wis., Friday and Saturday, Jan. 30-31.

LAST ACTION: Minnesota crushed Northwestern, 148-78, Friday, Jan. 9 at the Aquatic Center. The Golden Gophers took 12 of 13 events in the victory. The following day at the Aquatic Center, Minnesota won the Gold Country Invitational with 1189.5 total points. The U of M captured 14 of 17 titles en route to their second invitational win of the year.

Minnesota was led by freshman diver **DAN CROASTON** (Champlin Park, Minn.) who won both boards with season-best scores both Friday and Saturday. The Golden Gophers also counted on freshman **ALEX MASSURA** (Belo Horizonte, Brazil) and sophomore **BILL BISHOP** (Barrington, Ill.) who brought home four event titles in the two meets.

TENNIS

THIS WEEK: The 48th-ranked Golden Gophers kick off their dual match season with a trio of competitors Friday through Sunday, Jan. 16-18. Minnesota matches up against Head Coach **DAVID GEATZ'S** alma mater 46th-ranked New Mexico January 16, followed by Region IV foe 23rd-ranked Notre Dame January 17 and Big Ten opponent Ohio State January 18. Both Friday's and Saturday's matches begin at 6 p.m., while Sunday's competition begins at 9 a.m. All matches are played at the 98th Street Racquet Club in Bloomington, Minn.

WHO TO WATCH: Junior **TOM CHICOINE** (Neenah, Wis.) will try to guide the youthful Golden Gophers to their fifth Big Ten Championship in the 1990s. Chicoine is the U of M's No. 1 singles player and finished the fall with a sterling 11-4 record, while capturing the Seminole Fall Tennis Classic title.

The No. 2 doubles team of sophomore captain **MARTIN MICHALOWSKI** (Ottawa, Ontario) and freshman **TYSON PARRY** (Chatham, Ontario) capped off the fall with the team's best doubles record at 11-3. The pair won three championships during the fall season.

THE LINEUP: The probable starting lineup for the Golden Gophers is as follows:

No. 1 **TOM CHICOINE** (Neenah, Wis.)

- No. 2 **ADAM SELKIRK** (St. Joseph, Mo.)
 - No. 3 **MARTIN MICHALOWSKI** (Ottawa, Ont.)
 - No. 4 **JORGE DUENAS** (Santo Domingo, Dominican Rep.)
 - No. 5 **TYSON PARRY** (Chatham, Ont.)
 - No. 6 **JON SVENSSON** (Kristianstad, Sweden)
- Doubles
- No. 1 Chicoine/Duenas
 - No. 2 Michalowski/Parry
 - No. 3 Selkirk/Svensson

COURT NOTES:



- √ The squad has no seniors and only three juniors. On a roster of 10 players, there are five newcomers and four freshman
- √ Minnesota is coming off a 12-14 season last year, finishing third in the conference and advancing to the NCAA Regional finals.
- √ The Golden Gophers lead both New Mexico (3-1) and Ohio State (35-11) in the all-time series records. They are 8-10 all-time against Notre Dame.
- √ The last time Minnesota played New Mexico, the Lobos came away with 4-3 victory. The Golden Gophers lost to the Buckeyes, 6-1, in their early season meeting at Columbus, Ohio. Minnesota defeated Notre Dame, 4-2, in the NCAA Regional Semifinals last season in Champaign, Ill.

SCOREBOARD

Singles	Overall	Dual	Tourn.	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6
Tom Chicoine	11-4		11-4	*					
Adam Selkirk	4-8		4-8		*				
M. Michalowski	9-5		9-5			*			
Jorge Duenas	11-5		11-5				*		
Tyson Parry	8-7		8-7					*	
Jon Svensson	6-7		6-7						*
Aaron Dvorak	2-4		2-4						
M. Kristoffersen	3-5		3-5						
Ed Marques	1-6		1-6						
Voke Okoh	0-2		0-2						

Doubles	Overall	Dual	Tourn.	#1	#2	#3
Chicoine/Duenas	5-6		5-6	*		
Michalowski/Parry	11-3		11-3		*	
Selkirk/Svensson	6-3		6-3			*
Marques/Dvorak	1-1		1-1			
Marques/Okoh	1-1		1-1			
Svensson/Kris'ffsen	2-1		2-1			

* anticipated 1998 dual match lineup

GOPHER FLASHES

INTO THE FUTURE: After three straight matches, the Golden Gophers will travel to East Lansing, Mich. Jan. 24-26 for the Big Ten Singles Championships.

LAST ACTION: Minnesota has not competed since hosting the Ice Volleys Tournament, Nov. 8-9.

THE SCOOP: With a six-time Canadian junior champion in Tyson Parry, a No. 1 singles player from the Dominican Republic Davis Cup Team in Jorge Duenas, a top-rated Florida junior in Ed Marques and top 10 Swedish junior in Jon Svensson, Minnesota arguably has one of the best incoming classes in the Big Ten and nation.

RANKINGS: The University of Minnesota is ranked No. 48 in the nation according to the ITA's fall rankings (Dec. 9). The next rankings will not be available until mid-January, but can be accessed through the internet at: www.tennisonline.com

TRACK & FIELD

THIS WEEK: The Golden Gopher track and field team travels to Madison, Wis. Saturday Jan. 17 for the Badger Track Classic.

AT THE NORTHWEST OPEN: Minnesota took eight of the 15 events the team competed in at the Northwest Open January 10 at the U of M Field House. Each of the eight events was won by different athletes with the exception of **TOM GERDING** (Waconia, Minn.). The freshman sprinter was the only double event winner for Minnesota. In addition to his part with the winning relay team, the Minnesota state prep record holder in the 400-meter dash took first in the 600-meter dash (1:21.51).



ALL THE BEST: Six athletes registered personal-best marks at the Northwest Open. Sophomore **RON HOFFNER** (Brooklyn Park, Minn.) led a group of three personal-best milers. Hoffner ran a 4:15.17 mile for second place, while freshman **JOSH BRANG** (Winona, Minn.) took fourth (4:16.07) and senior **RICK OBLEMAN** (Regina, Sask.) took fifth (4:18.35). Two runners achieved career-best times in the 3,000-meter run. Sophomore **NATE CLAY** (Eden Prairie, Minn.) won the event in 8:30.27, while junior transfer **MATT CARTER** (Janesville,

Wis.) finished third with a time of 8:44.61.

Tying a career-best length was junior jumper **WIL KURTH** (Rochester, Minn.) who leaped 6-10 (2.08m) to win the high jump.

CORRECTION: Original results from the Northwest Open showed the 4x400 medley relay team running a first-place victory in a school record 2:56.64. Unfortunately the time was entered incorrectly into the results computer at the race. The correct time for the 4x400 relay team of freshmen **BOB QUADE** (Sherburn, Minn.), **TOM GERDING** (Waconia, Minn.) and **ANDY WIBERG** (Roseville, Minn.) and redshirt freshman **STEVE BURKHOLDER** (Superior, Wis.) was 3:23.11 for first place.

SCOREBOARD

TOP INDOOR PERFORMANCES

55m Dash -- Steve Burkholder, 6.75
55m High Hurdles -- Benjamin Jensen, 7.61
600m Hurdles -- Yet to be competed in this season
200m Dash -- Steve Burkholder, 22.68
400m Dash -- Bob Quade, 50.49
600m Dash -- Tom Gerding, 1:21.51
800m Run -- Jason Owen, 1:57.02
Mile Run -- Chad Johnson, 4:14.03
3,000m Run -- Nate Clay, 8:30.27\$
5,000m Run -- Yet to be competed in this season
High Jump -- Wil Kurth, 6-10
Pole Vault -- Vesa Rantanen, 17-4 3/4
Long Jump -- Tyler McCormick, 22-5 1/4
Triple Jump -- Marcus Westberry, -7-7 1/4
Shot Put -- Chad Yanchesky, 54-1 1/4
Pentathlon -- Yet to be competed in this season
Heptathlon -- Yet to be competed in this season

Key:

* NCAA Provisional
! NCAA Automatic
& Minnesota School Record
% Big Ten Record
\$ Personal Best
U of M Freshman Record

GOPHER FLASHES

INTO THE FUTURE: Minnesota will host one of the largest indoor track and field meets Saturday Jan. 24. The Minnesota Invitational, an open meet, will begin at 9 a.m. in the U of M Field House.

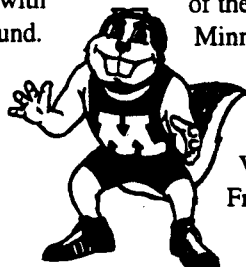
THE SCOOP: Minnesota's track and field team will host an alumni reunion in conjunction with the Minnesota Invitational Saturday, Jan. 24. Food and fun will be served at the U of M Field house following the meet.

WRESTLING

THIS WEEK: The No. 2 Golden Gophers, now 9-0 on the season, travel to the Cliff Keen/NWCA National Wrestling Duals this weekend at Carver Hawkeye Arena in Iowa City, Iowa. Action gets underway Saturday, Jan. 17 with the first and second round championship and consolation matches from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Session II starts at 8 p.m. on Saturday with the championship semifinals and consolation third round. The tournament, which annually showcases the finest in intercollegiate wrestling, concludes Sunday, Jan. 18, at 10 a.m. with the consolation round and at 1 p.m. with the championships finals.

PROBABLE LINEUP AT NATIONAL DUALS:

- 118 — **BRETT LAWRENCE** (Fr., Sandpoint, Idaho)
- 126 — **PAT CONNORS** (Jr., Longview, Wash.) -OR- **BART GOLYER** (Jr., Cedar, Minn.)
- 134 — **TROY MARR** (Jr., Wyoming, Minn.) -OR- **JOSH KREBS** (Fr., Minot, N.D.)
- 142 — **JASON DAVIDS** (Sr., Forest Lake, Minn.)
- 150 — **CHAD KRAFT** (Jr., Lakefield, Minn.) -OR- **BRAD PIKE** (Fr., Brownsdale, Minn.)
- 158 — **JOSH HOLIDAY** (Jr., Anaheim, Calif.)



- 167 — **ZAC TAYLOR** (Sr., Sandpoint, Idaho) -OR- **DELANEY BERGER** (So., Mandan, N.D.)
- 177 — **BRANDON EGGUM** (So., Sidney, Mont.)
- 190 — **TIM HARTUNG** (Jr., Durand, Wis.)
- Hwt — **SHELTON BENJAMIN** (Sr., Orangeburg, S.C.) -OR- **BRENT BOESHANS** (So., Beulah, N.D.)

DUALING IT OUT: Sixteen teams will participate in the National Duals including 11 of the nation's top 15 teams. Eight of the nation's top 10 teams will compete including No. 2 Minnesota, No. 3 Iowa, No. 4 Michigan, No. 5 Arizona State, No. 6 Penn State, No. 7 Iowa State, No. 8 Oklahoma and No. 9 Nebraska. Other teams competing include Augsburg, No. 14 Lehigh, Michigan State, Missouri Valley, No. 12 Pennsylvania, No. 11 Pittsburgh, San Francisco State and No. 22 West Virginia.

The Golden Gophers hold a 99-166 all-time record against the teams in the National Duals and a 29-40 mark under Head Coach J Robinson. So far this season, Minnesota has defeated three of the teams (San Francisco State, Iowa State and Nebraska) that will compete in the National Duals.

LAST YEAR AT THE NATIONAL DUALS: The Golden Gophers, then ranked fifth in the country, finished third last year at the National Duals, which were held at the NU Coliseum in Lincoln, Neb. Minnesota started the tournament

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SCOREBOARD

TOP INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

Wt.	Name	Overall	Total	Dual	Big Ten	Pins
118	Brett Lawrence	12-3	12-3	7-2	0-0	2
	Leroy Vega	11-2	11-2	0-0	0-0	1
	Julio Alaniz	6-4	6-4	0-0	0-0	0
126	Bart Golyer	16-2	15-1	5-0	0-0	3
	Pat Connors	15-2	7-2	3-1	0-0	4
134	Chad Erikson	11-3	11-3	0-0	0-0	3
	Ty Friederichs	11-7	11-7	0-0	0-0	1
	Pat Connors		8-0	4-0	0-0	3
	Bart Golyer		1-1	1-1	0-0	0
	Josh Krebs	11-6	11-6	2-1	0-0	3
	Troy Marr	17-4	4-1	0-0	0-0	2
	142	Jason Davids	19-0	19-0	9-0	0-0	12
	Joe Calavitta	8-2	8-2	0-0	0-0	2
	Troy Marr		14-1	0-0	0-0	0
150	Chad Kraft	8-0	8-0	7-0	0-0	1
	Brad Pike	15-4	15-4	0-1	0-0	1
	Eddie Pak	5-6	5-6	0-0	0-0	0
	Troy Marr		0-1	0-1	0-0	0
158	Tim Kinsella	13-2	13-2	1-0	0-0	1
	Jesse Krebs	6-5	6-5	0-1	0-0	0
	Josh Holiday	16-0	16-0	7-0	0-0	4
167	Delaney Berger	15-1	15-1	2-0	0-0	2
	Zac Taylor	19-1	19-1	7-0	0-0	6
	Mike Cuperus	14-2	14-2	0-0	0-0	5
	Matt Kraft	6-2	6-2	0-0	0-0	0
177	Brandon Eggum	16-0	16-0	8-0	0-0	5
	Kenneth Howard	3-3	3-3	0-0	0-0	1
190	Tim Hartung	17-0	17-0	9-0	0-0	14
	Owen Elzen	7-4	7-4	0-0	0-0	4
HWT	Shelton Benjamin	17-3	17-3	5-2	0-0	6
	Brent Boeshans	13-4	13-4	2-0	0-0	1

GOPHER FLASHES

PIN CITY: Through nine dual meets this season, Minnesota's wrestlers have won 32 matches by pinning their opponents, including a remarkable eight wins by fall in a 57-0 win over Truman State on Dec. 5, 1997. Last year through nine duals, Minnesota had only recorded 17 match wins by pin. Junior **TIM HARTUNG** is the team leader with seven pins in dual meets. Senior **JASON DAVIDS** is second with five. Hartung is also the overall team leader with 14 pins overall, and Davids is second with 12.

No. 2 Minnesota 43, No. 9 Nebraska 3

Friday, Jan. 9, 1998 • Sports Pavilion

- 118 - Brett Lawrence (UM) pinned Tim James (NEB) 1:37
- 126 - No. 7 Pat Connors (UM) pinned Kevin Garcia (NEB) 2:39
- 134 - No. 6 Brad Canoyer (NEB) dec. Bart Golyer (UM) 8-5
- 142 - No. 1 Jason Davids (UM) dec. Jose DeAnda (NEB) 12-5
- 150 - No. 1 Chad Kraft (UM) dec. Allen Hankins (NEB) 9-3
- 158 - No. 7 Josh Holiday (UM) dec. Ryan Bauer (NEB) 19-5
- 167 - No. 7 Zac Taylor (UM) wins by forfeit
- 177 - No. 5 Brandon Eggum (UM) dec. No. 9 Brad Vering (NEB) 7-5
- 190 - No. 2 Tim Hartung (UM) pinned Scott Munson (NEB) 2:22
- HWT - No. 7 Shelton Benjamin (UM) pinned Abe Boomer (NEB) 5:42

WRESTLING

defeating Missouri Valley 48-0. In the second round, Minnesota knocked off No. 4 Penn State 21-10 to advance to the semifinals against Iowa, then the No. 1 ranked team in the country. The Hawkeyes jumped out to an early 12-0 lead on the Gophers and defeated them 23-12. Minnesota then rebounded with a 28-9 victory over No. 9 Michigan State in the consolation round to face Penn State for third place. In that second meeting against the Nittany Lions, the Gophers used four decisions and one major decision to seal the 19-15 win.

After taking third at the National Duals, the Golden Gophers moved to third place in the national polls, the spot they would hold for the rest of the season.

NO. 2 GOPHERS CRUSH NEBRASKA 43-3: The No. 2 Golden Gophers crushed the No. 9 Nebraska Cornhuskers 43-3 Jan. 9 in the Sports Pavilion. Sophomore **BRANDON EGGUM**, ranked fifth in the country at 177 pounds, scored the biggest victory of the evening, defeating Nebraska's ninth-ranked Brad Vering 7-5 to improve to 17-0 on the year.

Four other Golden Gophers won their matches by fall. Freshman **BRETT LAWRENCE** and junior **PAT CONNORS**, the nation's seventh-ranked wrestler at 126 pounds, put Minnesota on top 12-0 at the end of two matches. Lawrence pinned Nebraska's Tim James in 1:37 at 118 pounds, and Connors took 2:39 to stick the Huskers' Kevin Garcia.

Junior **TIM HARTUNG** pinned his 14th opponent of the season, taking care of Nebraska's Scott Munson in 2:22 at 190 pounds. Hartung, ranked second in the country, is now 17-0 on the season. Senior **SHELTON BENJAMIN** scored Minnesota's other pin, defeating Nebraska's Abe Boomer in 5:42.

Minnesota's two top-ranked wrestlers also remained undefeated with victories against the Huskers. Senior **JASON DAVIDS** decisioned Nebraska's Jose DeAnda 12-5 at 142 pounds to record his team-leading 19th win of the season, and junior **CHAD KRAFT** took the 9-3 win over Allen Hankins at 158 pounds to move to 8-0 on the season.

ON A ROLL: With their 43-3 drubbing of Nebraska Jan. 9, the Golden Gophers have won nine straight dual meets this season. In a streak going back to last season, the Golden Gophers have won 14 straight dual meets and 21 of their last 25. In fact, Minnesota has not lost a dual meet since Oklahoma State defeated Minnesota 26-10 last Jan. 31 in Stillwater, Okla.

GOPHERS CLIMB TO HIGHEST RANKING IN FOUR YEARS: The University of Minnesota wrestling team is ranked second in the nation in the latest poll released Jan. 8, 1998, by the National Wrestling Coaches Association and *Amateur Wrestling News*. The Golden Gophers trail only Oklahoma State in the team rankings.

It is the Golden Gophers' highest ranking of the season and their highest since the team slipped to second in the country in the final poll of the 1993-94 season after holding the No. 1 for two weeks that year. The Golden Gophers had been ranked third in every poll this season prior to the Jan. 8 rankings.

LATEST INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS: Individually, two-time All-Americans **JASON DAVIDS** and **CHAD KRAFT**

are the top-ranked wrestlers in their weight classes according to the Jan. 8 *Intermat/W.I.N.* poll. Davids is ranked first at 142 lbs. after placing third at the 1997 NCAA Championships. Kraft, a junior from Lakefield, Minn., is the top ranked wrestler at 150 after his third-place showing at the NCAA meet. Defending Big Ten champion and 1997 All-American **TIM HARTUNG** is ranked second at 190.

Other ranked Minnesota wrestlers include senior All-American **SHELTON BENJAMIN** who is seventh at heavy-weight, senior **ZAC TAYLOR** who is ranked seventh at 167, junior All-American **PAT CONNORS** who is seventh at 126, junior **TROY MARR** who is the 10th-ranked wrestler at 134, junior **JOSH HOLIDAY** who is seventh at 158 pounds and sophomore **BRANDON EGGUM** who is fifth at 177 pounds. Freshman **BRETT LAWRENCE** made his first appearance in the rankings on Jan. 2 and is currently listed as the nation's 15th-ranked wrestler at 118.

IN THE CONFERENCE: Ten Minnesota wrestlers are ranked in the Jan. 5 Big Ten Conference Wrestling Coaches poll, including three athletes who are ranked No. 1 in their weight class. No other Big Ten school had all 10 of its starters listed in the poll.

Senior **JASON DAVIDS** is ranked No. 1 at 142 pounds by the coaches, and junior **CHAD KRAFT** is No. 1 at 150 pounds. Davids and Kraft, both two-time All-Americans, are also both ranked No. 1 in the nation at their respective weights. Junior **JOSH HOLIDAY** is the top-ranked wrestler at 158 pounds.

Other ranked Minnesota wrestlers include freshman **BRETT LAWRENCE**, who is fifth at 118 pounds; junior **PAT CONNORS**, second at 126; junior **TROY MARR**, third at 134; senior **ZAC TAYLOR**, fourth at 167; junior **TIM HARTUNG**, second at 190; and senior **SHELTON BENJAMIN**, second at heavyweight.

SUPER START: Five Golden Gophers are still undefeated this season, led by **JASON DAVIDS** who is a team-leading 19-0 overall and 9-0 in dual meet action. **TIM HARTUNG** and **BRANDON EGGUM** are both 17-0 overall and 9-0 in dual action. **JOSH HOLIDAY** is 16-0 (7-0 in dual meets), and junior **CHAD KRAFT** is 8-0 (7-0 in dual meets). Two others have just lost once...to each other! **ZAC TAYLOR**, tied for the team lead in wins with Davids, is 19-1 overall (7-0 in dual meets), and **DELANEY BERGER** is 15-1 with a 2-0 mark in duals. Berger decisioned Taylor 2-1 to claim the 167-pound title at the Bison Open, and Taylor decisioned Berger 6-2 to take first at the Northern Open.

SUPER START, PART II: The Golden Gophers are 4-0 vs. ranked opponents this season. Minnesota defeated No. 24 Fresno State, 45-3, and No. 19 Cal-State Bakersfield, 39-10, in California, Dec. 14., and No. 6 Iowa State, 20-15, Jan. 4. The Maroon and Gold most recently knocked off the No. 9 Nebraska Cornhuskers 43-3 Jan. 9 at the Sports Pavilion.



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THIS WEEK IN GOPHER SPORTS

Tues, Jan. 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Basketball at Michigan Crisler Arena ESPN (live) WCCO-AM (830) 6:30 p.m. 	Sat., Jan. 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Hockey vs. Minnesota-Duluth Mariucci Arena MSC (live) KSTP-AM (1500) 7:05 p.m.
Fri., Jan. 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Hockey vs. Minnesota-Duluth Mariucci Arena MSC (live) KSTP-AM (1500) 7:35 p.m. ☐ Swimming/ Diving at Nebraska Triangular Lincoln, Neb. 1 p.m./7 p.m. ☐ Wrestling vs. Iowa Williams Arena 7 p.m. 	Sun.,-Mon Jan. 25-26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Swimming/ Diving at Nebraska Triangular Lincoln, Neb. Noon/6 p.m. ☐ Tennis at Big Ten Singles Champs. East Lansing, Mich. All Day ☐ Track/Field vs. Minnesota Invitational U of M Field House 9 a.m. ☐ Tennis at Big Ten Singles Champs. East Lansing, Mich. All Day
Sat., Jan. 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Basketball vs. Ohio State Williams Arena WCCO-TV (Ch. 4) (live) WCCO-AM (830) 1:30 p.m. 		

WEEKLY RELEASES

The University of Minnesota Men's Media Relations Office will be producing four separate releases during the 1997-98 academic year. Football, basketball, hockey and baseball information will be covered in sport-specific weekly releases, while information on "Olympic Sports" will appear each Monday in this release. Please refer any questions to the Men's Media Relations office at (612) 625-4090.

GOPHER HOTLINE

The Golden Gopher Hotline features daily interviews with players and coaches. It is available to the media 24 hours a day by calling (612) 625-7887. The hotline is broadcast quality and is changed by noon each day. This service is for media use only. The schedule for this week is as follows:

Tuesday, January 20:
Senior guard **ERIC HARRIS** previews the Michigan and Ohio State games.

Wednesday, January 21:
Head Hockey Coach **DOUG WOOG** previews the Minnesota-Duluth series.

Thursday, January 22:
Senior heavyweight wrestler **SHELTON BENJAMIN** previews the Iowa dual meet.

Friday, January 23:
Junior hockey center **WYATT SMITH** previews the UMD series.

Saturday and Sunday, January 24-25:
Head Minnesota Basketball Coach **CLEM HASKINS'** and Head Ohio State Basketball Coach **JIM O'BRIEN'S** postgame comments

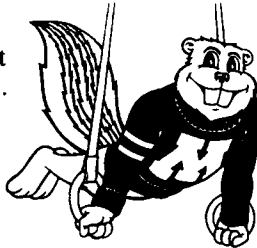
GYMNASTICS

THIS WEEK: The Golden Gophers are off this weekend before traveling to Columbus, Ohio, for a matchup with No. 4 Ohio State, Jan. 31.

FLASHBACK: Minnesota finished seventh at the Windy City Invitational Saturday. The Golden Gophers' 213.850 team points were 14.20 points behind first-place Iowa. Ohio State, Minnesota's next opponent, finished in third place with 222.850 points.

INJURY FRONT: The Golden Gophers have been slowed by a rash of injuries to key contributors. **DAN BOOTS** (Jr., Pearland, Texas), **TODD GUILBEAU** (Fr., Houston, Texas) and **BOB HUBBARD** (Sr., Phoenix, Ariz.) were unable to participate at the Windy City Invitational and their status for the Ohio State dual is still uncertain.

BEATTY SHINES: After a strong performance in Minnesota's exhibition dual last weekend, senior co-captain **GEORGE BEATTY** (Aberdeen, N.J.) led the Golden Gophers' effort with a tie for first place on the vault with a career-high 9.650. Beatty also added a third-place finish on the pommel horse and a 12th-place performance on the horizontal bar.



SOLID PERFORMANCE: Sophomore **CHAD CONNER** (Dallas, Texas) has been slowed in preseason workouts with a shoulder injury, but was able to compete in the Windy City Invitational. Conner finished in sixth place with a career-high score of 9.500 on the vault.

NATIONAL RANKINGS: The Golden Gophers enter the 1998 season ranked ninth in the preseason poll. Minnesota finished seventh in the final 1997 rankings.

COACH ROETHLISBERGER: Head Coach Fred Roethlisberger is in his 27th year at the helm of the University of Minnesota Gymnastics program. Roethlisberger has led his team to 11 Big Ten Championships during his tenure.

SENIOR LEADERSHIP: Senior co-captains Bob Hubbard (Phoenix, Ariz.) and Beatty will be counted on to lead the young Golden Gopher squad this season. The three-year letterwinners, along with **MICHAEL MAMAKOS** (Huntington, N.Y./UCLA), are the only seniors on this year's roster.

SCOREBOARD

TOP GOLDEN GOPHER FINISHERS WINDY CITY INVITATIONAL 1/17/98

All-Around:

18. Lindsey Fang, SO 52.00

Floor Exercise:

T-17. Allen Sopko, FR 9.95

Pommel Horse:

T-3. George Beatty, SR 9.65

T-11. Bob Goss, FR 9.40

14. Lindsey Fang, SO 9.35

Vault:

T-1. George Beatty, SR 9.65

T-6. Chad Conner, SO 9.50

Parallel Bars:

T-7. George Beatty, SR 9.50

Horizontal Bar:

T-12. George Beatty, SR 9.20

GOPHER FLASHES

BIG TEN OPENER: Minnesota travels to Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 31., to face perennial power Ohio State. Last season against the 1997 Big Ten champions, the Golden Gophers were narrowly defeated by a score of 228.725-228.50.

HOME OPENER: The Golden Gophers host No. 7 Illinois at the Sports Pavilion, Feb. 7. The Fighting Illini turned in an impressive performance in the Windy City Invitational with a second-place finish. Illinois edged out perennial power and No. 3 Ohio State by 0.950 points. Sixth-ranked Nebraska, No. 2 Iowa and No. 7 Illinois-Chicago are upcoming home opponents for Minnesota.

NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS: The Golden Gophers are looking to get back to the NCAA Championship. The NCAA East Regionals are set for April 4 in Amherst, Mass., while the NCAA Championships will be held April 16-18 in University Park, Pa.

SWIMMING & DIVING

THIS WEEK: The 3-1 Golden Gophers swim against No. 16 Nebraska and No. 20 Texas A&M at the Nebraska Triangular in Lincoln, Neb., Friday and Saturday, Jan. 23-24.

WHO TO WATCH: Freshman diver **DAN CROASTON** (Champlin Park, Minn.) has won every event he has competed in this season, hauling in 13 titles in his first season as a Golden Gopher. Most recently, Croaston registered NCAA Championship standard scores on both the 1- and 3-meter boards at the Gold Country Invitational, Saturday, Jan. 10 at the U of M Aquatic Center. He dived season-best scores for six dives against Northwestern, Jan. 9, (1-M: 286.88; 3-M: 315.15) and season-best scores for 11 dives at the Gold Country Invitational (1-M: 544.30; 3-M: 606.30).

STOCKPILED: While the Golden Gophers have one blemish on their 3-1 record, their swimmers and divers have found ways to keep the season next to perfect. Besides Croaston's individual 13 first-place finishes, a handful of other Golden Gophers have raked in the wins. Senior freestyler and breaststroker **TY BATHURST** (Albuquerque, N.M.) has won seven of the 10 events he has competed in, taking second and third in two other

events. December Big Ten Swimmer of the Month, freshman **ALEX MASSURA** (Belo Horizonte, Brazil) has taken 11 titles in the 15 events he has competed in, while sophomore **BILL BISHOP** (Barrington, Ill.) has won eight of 13 events. Butterfly specialist **MARTIN ZIELINSKI** (Bloomington, Minn.) has also been successful, taking seven of 12 events.

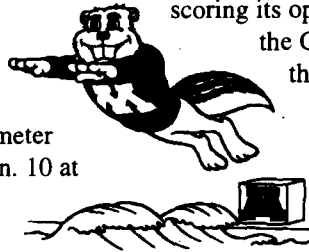
TID BITS:

√ In its four dual meets this season, Minnesota has been out scoring its opponents by an average of 57 points. Additionally, the Golden Gophers have won both the invitationals they have competed in.

√ The Golden Gophers already have swam 13 NCAA consideration standard times.

√ Minnesota owns 15 of the nation's top 25 times in 18 different events. Leading the Golden Gophers is **ALEX MASSURA**, who has three top times, including the U's highest ranked time and the nation's fifth-best time in the 200-yard backstroke (1:45.53).

RANKINGS: Minnesota is slated 13th in the nation according to the CSCAA Speedo America Top 25 Poll (Jan. 15). The highest the Golden Gophers have been ranked is 12th when the poll debuted November 13.



SCOREBOARD

OVERALL RECORD: 3-1; BIG TEN RECORD: 1-1
TOP INDIVIDUAL EVENT TIMES
(1997-98)

50 FREE — 20.38, Ty Bathurst (1st, Minn. Invite)
100 FREE — 45.16, Ty Bathurst (1st, Minn. Invite)
200 FREE — 1:39.52*, Alex Massura (1st, at Iowa)
500 FREE — 4:29.15, Bill Bishop (exb., Minn. Invite)
1000 FREE — 9:21.53, Bill Bishop (1st, vs. UNC)
1650 FREE — 15:29.78, Bill Bishop (1st, Minn. Invite)
100 BACK — 48.88#*, Alex Massura (1st, vs. UNC)
200 BACK — 1:45.53#*, Alex Massura (1st, Minn. Invite)
100 BREAST — 55.79*, Ty Bathurst (1st, Minn. Invite)
200 BREAST — 2:03.90, Chris Wood (1st, vs. UNC)
100 FLY — 48.54, Martin Zielinski (1st, Minn. Invite)
200 FLY — 1:50.07, Martin Zielinski (1st, Minn. Invite)
200 IM — 1:51.40, Jono McLeod (1st, Minn. Invite)
400 IM — 3:56.77, Bill Bishop (1st, Minn. Invite)

* personal best
+ Minnesota Varsity Record
Minnesota Freshman Record

GOPHER FLASHES

INTO THE FUTURE: Following the Nebraska Triangular Jan. 23-24, Minnesota will swim against No. 21 Purdue and No. 25 Wisconsin at the Triple Duals in Madison, Wis., Friday and Saturday, Jan. 30-31.

LAST ACTION: Minnesota crushed Northwestern, 148-78, Friday, Jan. 9 at the Aquatic Center. The Golden Gophers took 12 of 13 events in the victory. The following day at the Aquatic Center, Minnesota won the Gold Country Invitational with 1189.5 total points. The U of M captured 14 of 17 titles en route to their second invitational win of the year.

Minnesota was led by freshman diver **DAN CROASTON** (Champlin Park, Minn.) who won both boards with season-best scores both Friday and Saturday. The Golden Gophers also counted on freshman **ALEX MASSURA** (Belo Horizonte, Brazil) and sophomore **BILL BISHOP** (Barrington, Ill.), who brought home four event titles in the two meets.

TENNIS

THIS WEEK: The 48th-ranked Golden Gophers travel to the Big Ten Singles Championships in East Lansing, Mich., Saturday through Monday, Jan. 24-26. The seeded tournament features a main draw of 64 players, housing the conference's top singles players.

DOUBLE TROUBLE: The No. 1 doubles team of sophomore captain **MARTIN MICHALOWSKI** (Ottawa, Ontario) and freshman **TYSON PARRY** (Chatham, Ontario) upset Notre Dame's doubles tandem of Brian Patterson and Jakub Pietrowski, rated fifth in the nation, 8-5 Saturday, Jan. 17 in Burnsville, Minn., for their most impressive win of the year thus far. Michalowski and Parry capped off the fall with the team's best doubles record at 11-3, winning three championships during that season.

FRESHMEN ON FIRE: Minnesota's newcomers came up with big wins in the Golden Gophers' early home challenges over the weekend of Jan. 16-18. No. 6 singles player **JON SVENSSON** (Kristianstad, Sweden) went 3-0 against his competition, including a key 7-5, 6-4 win over Ohio State's Ben Basil in the No. 5 position which sealed the match for Minnesota. Both No. 4 singles player **JORGE DUENAS** (Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic) and No. 5 singles player **TYSON PARRY** (Chatham, Ontario) went 2-1.

BIG TEN SINGLES NOTES:

√ **Minnesota's Past Big Ten Singles Champions:**
(the indoor tournament played solely to determine a conference singles champion was introduced in 1994 after being the Spartan Invitational held in East Lansing from 1989-1993)

◇ 1995 - Ross Loel

◇ 1994 - Paul Pridmore

Minnesota had 20 Big Ten singles champions before the 1994 tournament was introduced



√ **Current Players at Big Ten Singles Championship Last Season:**

TOM CHICOINE (Jr., Neenah, Wis.) -- No. 14 seed; lost in round of 16 of the main draw to Matt Wright (UM)

ADAM SELKIRK (Jr., St. Joseph, Mo.) -- lost in round of 32 of the main draw to No. 1 seed Jamie Gordon (PU); lost in round of 32 of the consolation draw to Chris Struck (MSU)

MARTIN KRISTOFFERSEN (Jr., Portsgrunn, Norway) -- lost in round of 64 of the main draw to No. 8 seed Trey Eubanks (MSU); lost in round of 32 of the consolation draw to Marc Dorfman (PSU)

SCOREBOARD

Singles	Overall	Dual	Tourn.	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6
Tom Chicoine	12-6	1-2	11-4	1-2					
Adam Selkirk	5-9	1-1	4-8		1-1				
M. Michalowski	10-7	1-2	9-5		1-0	0-2			
Jorge Duenas	13-6	2-1	11-5			1-0	1-1		
Tyson Parry	10-8	2-1	8-7				0-1	2-0	
Jon Svensson	9-7	3-0	6-7					1-0	2-0
M. Kristoffersen	4-5	1-0	3-5						1-0
Ed Marques	1-6		1-6						
Voke Okoh	0-2		0-2						

Doubles	Overall	Dual	Tourn.	#1	#2	#3
Michalowski/Parry	12-5	1-2	11-3	1-2		
Chicoine/Duenas	7-7	2-1	5-6		2-1	
Selkirk/Svensson	8-3	2-0	6-3			2-0
Kris' ffsen/Svensson	1-0	1-0				1-0
Marques/Dvorak	1-1		1-1			
Marques/Okoh	1-1		1-1			
Svensson/Kris' ffsen	2-1		2-1			

GOPHER FLASHES

INTO THE FUTURE: After the Big Ten Singles Championships Jan. 24-26, Minnesota will not compete again until Saturday, Feb. 14, when the team takes on Kansas in Lawrence, Kan.

LAST ACTION: The Golden Gophers opened their spring schedule with 5-2 wins over New Mexico and Ohio State and a 4-3 loss to No. 23 Notre Dame. With the win over OSU, Minnesota now holds an 11-2 record in Big Ten openers during Head Coach **DAVID GEATZ'S** 12+-year tenure.

RANKINGS: The University of Minnesota is ranked No. 48 in the nation according to the ITA's fall rankings (Dec. 9). The next rankings will be available Feb. 9 and can be accessed through the internet at: www.tennisonline.com

TRACK & FIELD

THIS WEEK: The Golden Gophers host one of the largest indoor track and field meets, the Minnesota Invitational, Saturday, Jan. 24. Field events being at 9 a.m. with the weight throw, while track events get underway at 10:45 a.m. with the 3,000-meter run.

AT THE BADGER CLASSIC: Minnesota junior **MARCUS WESTBERRY** (Minneapolis, Minn.) was the only winner for the Golden Gophers at the Badger Track Classic in Madison, Wis., as he took the triple jump with a leap of 49-0 1/4 (14.91m) Saturday, Jan. 17. Westberry also finished fourth in the long jump (22-7 1/4; 6.89m).

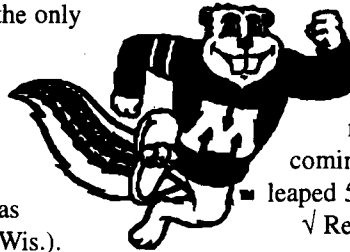
Also placing well for the Maroon and Gold was senior thrower **CHAD YENCHESKY** (DePere, Wis.). Yenchesky led a group of five Golden Gopher placemen in the shot put with third place (55-7 3/4; 16.96m).

Redshirt freshman **MIKE BROCKWELL** (Edina, Minn.) took third in the pole vault with a vault of 15-3 (4.65m).

ALL THE BEST: Six athletes already registered personal-best marks at the Northwest Open, Saturday Jan. 10. Sophomore **RON HOFFNER** (Brooklyn Park, Minn.) led a group of three personal-best milers. Hoffner ran a 4:15.17 mile for second

place, while freshman **JOSH BRANG** (Winona, Minn.) took fourth (4:16.07), and senior **RICK OBLEMAN** (Regina, Sask.) took fifth (4:18.35). Two runners achieved career-best times in the 3,000-meter run. Sophomore **NATE CLAY** (Eden Prairie, Minn.) won the event in 8:30.27, while junior transfer **MATT CARTER** (Janesville, Wis.) finished third with a time of 8:44.61.

Tying a career-best length was junior jumper **WIL KURTH** (Rochester, Minn.) who leaped 6-10 (2.08m) to win the high jump.



MINNESOTA INVITATIONAL NOTES:

√ The University of Minnesota holds four records at the indoor invitational, the most recent coming in the triple jump in 1994 when Keita Cline leaped 52-11.

√ Returning winners from last season's meet include:

◇ **ADAM FREED** (Proctor, Minn.) - 400-meter dash (49.46)

◇ **TONY RITER** (Shoreview, Minn.) - 3,000-meter run (8:40.48)

◇ **WIL KURTH** (Rochester, Minn.) - high jump (7-1; 2.16m)

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TOP INDOOR PERFORMANCES

55m Dash -- Steve Burkholder, 6.71 (1/17)
55m High Hurdles -- Benjamin Jensen, 7.61 (1/10)
600m Hurdles -- Yet to be competed in this season
200m Dash -- Steve Burkholder, 22.68 (1/10)
400m Dash -- Bob Quade, 50.49 (1/10)
600m Dash -- Tom Gerding, 1:21.51 (1/10)
800m Run -- Jason Owen, 1:57.02 (1/10)
Mile Run -- Chad Johnson, 4:14.03 (1/10)
3,000m Run -- Nate Clay, 8:30.27\$ (1/10)
5,000m Run -- Yet to be competed in this season
High Jump -- Wil Kurth, 6-10 (2.08m) (1/10)
Pole Vault -- Vesa Rantanen, 17-4 3/4 (5.30m) (1/10)
Long Jump -- Marcus Westberry, 2-7 1/4 (6.89m) (1/17)
Triple Jump -- Marcus Westberry, 49-0 1/4 (14.91) (1/17)
Shot Put -- Chad Yenchesky, 55-7 3/4 (16.96m) (1/17)
Weight Throw -- Mark Fahey, 48-4 3/4 (14.75m) (1/17)
Pentathlon -- Yet to be competed in this season
Heptathlon -- Yet to be competed in this season

Key:

* NCAA Provisional

! NCAA Automatic

& Minnesota School Record

% Big Ten Record

\$ Personal Best

U of M Freshman Record

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INTO THE FUTURE: The Maroon and Gold will compete at the Nebraska Quadrangular in Lincoln, Neb., Saturday, Jan. 31.

ALUMNI REUNION: Minnesota will host an alumni reunion following the track and field meet Saturday, Jan. 24. Former Golden Gopher track and field athletes are invited to stay and enjoy food and beverages provided by the team.

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THIS WEEK: The No. 2 Golden Gophers, now 13-0 on the season, have a rematch of their win over the No. 3 Iowa Hawkeyes at last weekend's National Duals but this time on their own home turf. The match is set to begin at 7 p.m. in Williams Arena.

IN THE SERIES: With the win over Iowa last weekend, the Golden Gophers recorded their first victory in the series since they defeated the Hawkeyes 23-11 Jan. 26, 1994, during an incredible 18-match winning streak that led the team to the first No. 1 ranking in school history. Friday's match is the 71st meeting between the two teams, and Iowa holds a 51-18-1 advantage in the all-time series.



PROBABLE LINEUP VS. IOWA HAWKEYES (6-2):

- 118 — **BRETT LAWRENCE** (Fr., Sandpoint, Idaho)
- 126 — **PAT CONNORS** (Jr., Longview, Wash.) -OR-
BART GOLYER (So., Cedar, Minn.)
- 134 — **TROY MARR** (Jr., Wyoming, Minn.)
- 142 — **JASON DAVIDS** (Sr., Forest Lake, Minn.)
- 150 — **CHAD KRAFT** (Jr., Lakefield, Minn.)
- 158 — **JOSH HOLIDAY** (Jr., Anaheim, Calif.)

- 167 — **ZAC TAYLOR** (Sr., Sandpoint, Idaho) -OR-
DELANEY BERGER (So., Mandan, N.D.)
- 177 — **BRANDON EGGUM** (So., Sidney, Mont.)
- 190 — **TIM HARTUNG** (Jr., Durand, Wis.)
- Hwt — **SHELTON BENJAMIN** (Sr., Orangeburg, S.C.)

MINNESOTA CLAIMS NATIONAL DUALS

TITLE: Senior **SHELTON BENJAMIN** (Orangeburg, S.C.), ranked seventh nationally, provided last-minute fireworks for the No. 2 Golden Gophers, pinning No. 8 Wes Hand in 2:16 to give Minnesota an 18-17 win over the No. 3 Iowa Hawkeyes and its first ever title at the Cliff Keen/NWCA National Wrestling Duals Sunday, Jan. 18 in Iowa City, Iowa. Minnesota trailed 17-12 going into the final match and needed a fall from its heavyweight to win. Benjamin and Hand battled a little over two minutes before Benjamin, now 21-3 on the season, put Hand on his back for the win.

Minnesota fell behind 11-0, its biggest deficit of the season, early in the match with Iowa, losing its first three individual matches. Senior **JASON DAVIDS** (Forest Lake, Minn.), ranked No. 1 at 142 pounds, put the Golden Gophers on the scoreboard with a thrilling 3-1 overtime victory over No. 4 Jeff McGinness. Davids remains undefeated on the year and leads the team with 23 wins.

Juniors **CHAD KRAFT** (Lakefield, Minn.), No. 1 in the

SCOREBOARD

TOP INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

Wt.	Name	Overall	Total	Dual	Big Ten	Pins
118	Brett Lawrence	14-5	14-5	9-4	0-0	3
	Leroy Vega	11-2	11-2	0-0	0-0	1
	Julio Alaniz	6-4	6-4	0-0	0-0	0
126	Bart Golyer	17-2	16-1	6-0	0-0	3
	Pat Connors	16-4	8-4	4-3	0-0	4
134	Chad Erikson	11-3	11-3	0-0	0-0	3
	Ty Friederichs	11-7	11-7	0-0	0-0	1
	Pat Connors		8-0	4-0	0-0	3
	Bart Golyer		1-1	1-1	0-0	0
	Josh Krebs	11-6	11-6	2-1	0-0	3
	Troy Marr	21-4	7-2	0-0	0-0	2
142	Jason Davids	23-0	23-0	13-0	0-0	13
	Joe Calavitta	8-2	8-2	0-0	0-0	2
	Troy Marr		14-1	0-0	0-0	0
150	Chad Kraft	12-0	12-0	11-0	0-0	2
	Brad Pike	15-1	15-4	0-1	0-0	3
	Eddie Pak	5-6	5-6	0-0	0-0	0
	Troy Marr		0-1	0-1	0-0	0
158	Tim Kinsella	13-2	13-2	1-0	0-0	1
	Jesse Krebs	6-5	6-5	0-1	0-0	0
	Josh Holiday	19-1	19-1	10-1	0-0	4
167	Delaney Berger	15-1	15-1	2-0	0-0	2
	Zac Taylor	22-2	22-2	10-1	0-0	7
	Mike Cuperus	14-2	14-2	0-0	0-0	5
	Matt Kraft	6-2	6-2	0-0	0-0	0
177	Brandon Eggum	21-0	21-0	12-0	0-0	6
	Kenneth Howard	3-3	3-3	0-0	0-0	1
190	Tim Hartung	20-1	20-1	12-1	0-0	15
	Owen Elzen	7-4	7-4	0-0	0-0	4
HWT	Shelton Benjamin	21-3	21-3	9-2	0-0	7
	Brent Boeshans	13-4	13-4	2-0	0-0	1

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SUPER START: Three Golden Gophers are still undefeated this season, led by **JASON DAVIDS** who is a team-leading 23-0 overall and 13-0 in dual meet action. **BRANDON EGGUM** is 21-0 overall and 9-0 in dual action, and junior **CHAD KRAFT** is 12-0 (11-0 in dual meets). Two others have only lost once. Junior **TIM HARTUNG** is 20-1 after losing 7-6 in double-overtime to Iowa's No. 3 Lee Fullhart at the National Duals. Junior **JOSH HOLIDAY** also lost his first match of the season at the National Duals, a 4-3 loss to No. 13 Sam Kline of West Virginia, and is now 19-1 on the season.

SUPER START, PART II: With victories over No. 3 Iowa and No. 23 West Virginia at the National Duals, the Golden Gophers are 6-0 vs. ranked opponents this season. Minnesota defeated No. 24 Fresno State, 45-3, and No. 19 Cal-State Bakersfield, 39-10, in California, Dec. 14., and No. 6 Iowa State, 20-15, Jan. 4, and No. 9 Nebraska Cornhuskers 43-3, Jan. 9.

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nation at 150 pounds, and **JOSH HOLIDAY** (Anaheim, Calif.), No. 7 at 158 pounds, continued Minnesota's scoring. Kraft decided No. 17 Kasey McGillis 8-3, and Holiday held off Ben Uker 9-7. Sophomore **BRANDON EGGUM** (Sidney, Mont.) scored Minnesota's other team points with a 7-3 decision over Iowa's Paul Jenn.

Minnesota lost two hard-fought matches at 167 and 190 pounds. Fifth-ranked **ZAC TAYLOR** (Sr., Sandpoint, Idaho) lost 5-3 to Iowa's Joe Williams, the nation's No. 1-ranked wrestler at 167. Junior **TIM HARTUNG** (Durand, Wis.), No. 2 at 190 pounds, took No. 3 Lee Fullhart into double overtime before Fullhart was awarded a point for a locked hands penalty on Hartung to win the match 7-6. It was Hartung's first loss of the season, moving him to 20-1 on the year.

MINNESOTA BECOMES ONLY FOURTH

TEAM EVER TO WIN NATIONAL DUALS: With its amazing 18-17 win over the Iowa, Minnesota becomes just the fourth team ever to win the National Duals tournament since the tournament branched off from the Virginia Duals in 1989, joining the elite company of four-time champion Oklahoma State, three-time winner Iowa and two-time champ Penn State. Minnesota also became just the seventh team in the tournament's history to advance to the championship finals (Oklahoma State, Iowa, Arizona State, Nebraska, Penn State and Iowa State).

NO. 2 GOPHERS ONLY SECOND TEAM TO BEAT HAWKEYES AT CARVER-HAWKEYE:

The Golden Gophers also became just the second team in history to defeat the Iowa Hawkeyes at Carver-Hawkeye Arena. Iowa had previously lost twice to Penn State. Iowa holds a 102-3 record in its 16-year-old home.

MINNESOTA WINS TITLE BY SMALLEST MARGIN OF VICTORY IN DUALS HISTORY:

With its one-point victory over the Hawkeyes, Minnesota recorded the smallest margin of victory in a title match in the 10-year history of the National Duals. The previous low was Oklahoma State's 17-15 win over Iowa in 1994.

MINNESOTA SECOND IN NATIONAL RANKINGS FOR SECOND STRAIGHT WEEK:

The Golden Gopher wrestling team remained second behind only Oklahoma State for the second straight week in the January 15 National Wrestling Coaches Association/*Amateur Wrestling News* rankings. The Golden Gophers also received one first-place vote in the latest poll. It is Minnesota's highest ranking of the season and its highest since the team slipped to second in the country in the final poll of the 1993-94 season after holding the No. 1 spot for two weeks that year. The Golden Gophers had been third in every poll this season prior to the January 8 ranking.

SIX 20-MATCH WINNERS IN STARTING LINE-UP:

Six Golden Gophers in the starting lineup have won at least 20 matches this season. Senior **JASON DAVIDS** (142) leads the team with a 23-0 record. Senior **ZAC TAYLOR** (167)

is second with a 22-2 record on the season. Other 20-match winners include junior **TROY MARR** (134, Wyoming, Minn.) at 20-4, sophomore **BRANDON EGGUM** (177) is 21-0, junior **TIM HARTUNG** (190) is 20-1 and senior **SHELTON BENJAMIN** (HWT) is 21-3.

LATEST INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS: Individually, two-time All-Americans **JASON DAVIDS** and **CHAD KRAFT** are the top-ranked wrestlers in their weight classes in the Jan. 15 Intermat/*W.I.N.* individual rankings. Davids is ranked first at 142 pounds; after placing third at the 1997 NCAA Championships. Kraft, a junior from Lakefield, Minn., is the top-ranked wrestler at 150 pounds after his third-place showing at the NCAA meet. Defending Big Ten champion and 1997 All-American **TIM HARTUNG** is ranked second at 190 pounds.

Other ranked Minnesota wrestlers include senior All-American **SHELTON BENJAMIN** who is seventh at heavy-weight, senior **ZAC TAYLOR** who is fifth at 167, junior All-American **PAT CONNORS** (Longview, Wash.) who is seventh at 126, junior **TROY MARR** who is the seventh-ranked wrestler at 134, junior **JOSH HOLIDAY** who is eighth at 158 pounds and sophomore **BRANDON EGGUM** who is fifth at 177 pounds. Freshman **BRETT LAWRENCE** (Sandpoint, Idaho) made his first appearance in the rankings on Jan. 2 and is currently listed as the nation's 15th-ranked wrestler at 118.

IN THE CONFERENCE: Ten Minnesota wrestlers are ranked in the Jan. 5 Big Ten Conference Wrestling Coaches poll, including three athletes who are ranked No. 1 in their weight class. No other Big Ten school had all 10 of its starters listed in the poll.

Senior **JASON DAVIDS** is ranked No. 1 at 142 pounds by the coaches, and junior **CHAD KRAFT** is No. 1 at 150 pounds. Davids and Kraft, both two-time All-Americans, are also both ranked No. 1 in the nation at their respective weights. Junior **JOSH HOLIDAY** is the top-ranked wrestler at 158 pounds.

Other ranked Minnesota wrestlers include freshman **BRETT LAWRENCE**, who is fifth at 118 pounds; junior **PAT CONNORS**, second at 126; junior **TROY MARR**, third at 134; senior **ZAC TAYLOR**, fourth at 167; junior **TIM HARTUNG**, second at 190; and senior **SHELTON BENJAMIN**, second at heavyweight.

ON A ROLL: With their 4-0 record at the National Duals last weekend, the Golden Gophers have won 13 straight dual meets this season. In a streak going back to last season, the Golden Gophers have won 18 straight dual meets and 18 of their last 20. In fact, Minnesota has not lost a dual meet since Oklahoma State defeated Minnesota 26-10 last Jan. 31 in Stillwater, Okla.

HOLDING THEM SCORELESS: Minnesota's 49-0 victory over two-time NAIA national champion Missouri Valley College Saturday at the National Duals marked the team's fifth shutout of the season. Minnesota's other shutouts came against Mankato State (38-0), Truman State (57-0), Augustana (53-0) and San Francisco State (46-0). The Golden Gophers have lost only one match in three other duals this season (Fresno State 45-

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3, Nebraska 43-3, West Virginia 33-3).

PIN CITY: Through 13 dual meets this season, Minnesota's wrestlers have won 38 matches by pinning their opponents, including No. 7 Shelton Benjamin's dramatic fall in 2:16 over Iowa's No. 8 Wes Hand to give Minnesota its first National Duals title. Minnesota recorded a remarkable eight wins by fall in a 57-0 win over Truman State on Dec. 5, 1997. Last year through 13 duals, Minnesota had only recorded 18 match wins by pin. Minnesota did not record any wins by fall in last weekend's wins over No. 23 West Virginia and Michigan State, marking only the second and third times of the year that the team did not win at least one match by pin. The team's only other dual without a pin was the 20-15 win at Iowa State (1/4).

Junior **TIM HARTUNG** is the team leader with eight pins in dual meets. Senior **JASON DAVIDS** is second with six. Hartung is also the overall team leader with 15 pins overall, and Davids is second with 13.

Cliff Keen/NWCA National Duals Tournament January 17-18, 1998 -- Iowa City, Iowa

No. 2 Minnesota 49, Missouri Valley 0

118 - No. 15 Brett Lawrence (UM) pinned Chad Hopkins (MVC), 4:16
126 - Bart Golyer (UM) major dec. Beau Vest (MVC) 22-8
134 - No. 7 Troy Marr (UM) decisioned T. J. Slay (MVC) 7-0
142 - No. 1 Jason Davids (UM) pinned Mike Ridings (MVC), 1:50
150 - No. 1 Chad Kraft (UM) major dec. Aaron Elsmore (MVC) 16-5
158 - No. 8 Josh Holiday (UM) major dec. Marcus Mainz (MVC) 17-4
167 - No. 5 Zac Taylor (UM) pinned Jason Walls (MVC), 1:22
177 - No. 5 Brandon Eggum (UM) pinned Caleb Hickman (MVC) . :58
190 - No. 2 Tim Hartung (UM) pinned Jervon Walton (MVC), 2:34
Hwt - No. 7 Shelton Benjamin (UM) tech. fall Livingston Merritt (MVC), 22-7

No. 2 Minnesota 33, No. 23 West Virginia 3

118 - No. 15 Brett Lawrence (UM) dec. Angelo Zegarelli (WVU) 9-8 (2OT)
126 - No. 7 Pat Connors (UM) dec. Bob Patensky (WVU) 6-5
134 - No. 7 Troy Marr (UM) dec. No. 12 Whitey Chlebove (WVU) 3-1 (OT)
142 - No. 1 Jason Davids (UM) dec. No. 7 Dorian Hager (WVU) 8-4
150 - No. 1 Chad Kraft (UM) dec. No. 3 Mike Mason (WVU) 6-4
158 - No. 13 Sam Kline (WVU) dec. No. 7 Josh Holiday (UM) 4-3
167 - No. 5 Zac Taylor (UM) won by default
177 - No. 5 Brandon Eggum (UM) dec. No. 11 Vertus Jones 8-3
190 - No. 2 Tim Hartung (UM) dec. Sean Hage (WVU) 7-2
Hwt - No. 7 Shelton Benjamin (UM) won by forfeit

No. 2 Minnesota 31, Michigan State 7

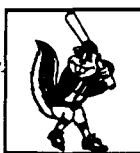
118 - No. 1 David Morgan (MSU) major dec. No. 15 Brett Lawrence (UM) 15-1
126 - No. 18 Pat McNamara (MSU) dec. No. 7 Pat Connors (UM) 5-0
134 - No. 7 Troy Marr (UM) dec. Issac Miller (MSU) 4-3
142 - No. 1 Jason Davids (UM) tech. fall Nick Curry (MSU) 20-3, 5:08
150 - No. 1 Chad Kraft (UM) tech. fall Cory Posey (MSU) 22-7, 7:00
158 - No. 7 Josh Holiday (UM) dec. Greg DeGrand (MSU) 9-5
167 - No. 5 Zac Taylor (UM) dec. William Hill (MSU) 9-4
177 - No. 5 Brandon Eggum (UM) major dec. James Brimm (MSU) 11-2
190 - No. 2 Tim Hartung (UM) major dec. Nick Muzashvili (MSU) 14-2
Hwt - No. 7 Shelton Benjamin (UM) major dec. Matt Lamb (MSU) 15-3

Sunday, Jan. 18, 1998

No. 2 Minnesota 18, No. 3 Iowa 17

118 - No. 20 Eric Juergens (IOWA) maj. dec. No. 15 Brett Lawrence (UM) 14-5
126 - No. 12 Doug Schwab (IOWA) dec. No. 7 Pat Connors (UM) 9-5
134 - No. 1 Mark Ironside (IOWA) maj. dec. No. 7 Troy Marr (UM) 20-7

142 - No. 1 Jason Davids (UM) dec. No. 4 Jeff McGinness (IOWA) 3-1 (OT)
150 - No. 1 Chad Kraft (UM) dec. No. 17 Kasey McGillis (IOWA) 8-3
158 - No. 7 Josh Holiday (UM) dec. Ben Uker (IOWA) 9-7
167 - No. 1 Joe Williams (IOWA) dec. No. 5 Zac Taylor (UM) 5-3
177 - No. 5 Brandon Eggum (UM) dec. Paul Jenn (IOWA) 7-3
190 - No. 3 Lee Fullhart (IOWA) dec. No. 2 Tim Hartung (UM) 7-6 (2OT)
Hwt - No. 7 Shelton Benjamin (UM) pinned No. 8 Wes Hand (IOWA), 2:16



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THIS WEEK IN GOPHER SPORTS

Tues, Jan. 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Basketball vs. Wisconsin Williams Arena ESPN (live) WCCO-AM (830) 6:30 p.m.
Fri, Jan. 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Hockey at Michigan Tech Houghton, Mich. KSTP-AM (1500) 6:05 p.m. ☐ Swimming/ Diving at Triple Duals Madison, Wis. 6 p.m.
Sat, Jan. 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Basketball at Indiana Bloomington, Ind. CBS (live) WCCO-AM (830) Noon

Sat, Jan. 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Gymnastics at Ohio State Columbus, Ohio 7:30 p.m. ☐ Hockey at Michigan Tech Houghton, Mich. KSTP-AM (1500) 4:05 p.m. ☐ Swimming/ Diving at Triple Duals Madison, Wis. Noon ☐ Wrestling at Wisconsin Madison, Wis. 7 p.m.
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THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Men's Athletics received tremendous support over the weekend as a total paid attendance of 45,257 people came to see hockey's sweep of Minnesota-Duluth, basketball's 76-53 win over Ohio State, and wrestling's attendance record-breaking dual against Iowa. The breakdown is as follows:

- Two-day hockey attendance:** 19,571
- Basketball attendance:** 14,402
- Wrestling attendance:** 11,284

WEEKLY RELEASES

The University of Minnesota Men's Media Relations Office will be producing five separate releases during the 1997-98 academic year. Football, basketball, hockey and baseball information will be covered in sport-specific weekly releases, while information on "Olympic Sports" will appear each Monday in this release. Please refer any questions to the Men's Media Relations office at (612) 625-4090.

GOPHER HOTLINE

The Golden Gopher Hotline features daily interviews with players and coaches. It is available to the media 24 hours a day by calling (612) 625-7887. The hotline is broadcast quality and is changed by noon each day. This service is for media use only. The schedule for this week is as follows:

Tuesday, January 27:
Senior guard **SAM JACOBSON** previews the Indiana game.

Wednesday, January 28:
Head Minnesota Basketball Coach **CLEM HASKINS** and Head Wisconsin Basketball Coach **DICK BENNETT** postgame comments

Thursday, January 29:
Head Hockey Coach **DOUG WOOG** previews the Michigan Tech series.

Friday and Saturday, January 30-31:
Junior hockey center **WYATT SMITH** previews the Michigan Tech series.

GYMNASTICS

THIS WEEK: The Golden Gophers travel to Columbus, Ohio, for a matchup with No. 4 Ohio State, Saturday, Jan. 31. The dual meet will begin at 6:30 p.m., CDT.

LAST ACTION: Minnesota equalled last year's seventh-place finish at the Windy City Invitational, Jan. 17. The Golden Gophers' 213.850 team points were 14.20 points behind first-place Iowa. Ohio State, Minnesota's next opponent, finished in third-place with 222.850 points. The Buckeyes defeated No.7 Illinois last weekend by a score of 226.80 to 223.05.

FLASHBACK: Last season, the Golden Gophers nearly upset No. 1 Ohio State at the Sports Pavilion. The Buckeyes escaped with a 228.75-228.50 victory. The 228.50 points was Minnesota's highest team total for 1997.

INJURY FRONT: The Golden Gophers have been slowed by a rash of injuries to key contributors. **DAN BOOTS** (JR, Pearland, Texas), **TODD GUILBEAU** (FR, Houston, Texas) and **BOB HUBBARD** (SR, Phoenix, Ariz.) were unable to participate in the last meet and their status for the Ohio State dual is still uncertain.

STRONG START: Senior co-captain **GEORGE BEATTY** (Aberdeen, N.J.) will lead the Golden Gophers' effort this weekend in Columbus, Ohio. Beatty scored a career-high 9.750

in Minnesota's near-upset of the top-ranked Buckeyes last season. Beatty captured a third-place finish on the pommel horse, seventh-place on the parallel bars and a 12th-place performance on the horizontal bar at the season-opening Windy City Invitational (1/17).

FANG WINS VAULT: Sophomore **LINDSEY FANG** (Allentown, Pa.) tied for first place with a career-high vault of 9.650 at the Windy City Invitational, Jan. 17. With all of the Golden Gopher injuries this season, Fang was Minnesota's lone entrant in the all-around competition. He matched last year's 18th-place finish in the all-around.

NATIONAL RANKINGS: The Golden Gophers enter the 1998 season ranked ninth in the preseason poll. Minnesota finished seventh in the final 1997 rankings.

COACH ROETHLISBERGER: Head Coach Fred Roethlisberger is in his 27th year at the helm of the University of Minnesota Gymnastics program. Roethlisberger has led his team to 11 Big Ten Championships during his tenure and has a 170-68-1 (.713) career record.

SENIOR LEADERSHIP: Senior co-captains Bob Hubbard (Phoenix, Ariz.) and George Beatty will be counted on to lead the young Golden Gopher squad this season. The three-year letterwinners, along with **MICHAEL MAMAKOS** (Huntington, N.Y./UCLA), are the only seniors on this year's roster.



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1998 MEN'S GYMNASTICS SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Site
Jan. 10	Alumni Meet	L 213.90-221.85
Jan. 17	Windy City Invitational	7th/213.85
Jan. 31	Ohio State	Columbus, Ohio
Feb. 7	Illinois	Sports Pavilion
Feb. 13	Michigan State	East Lansing, Mich.
Feb. 14	Michigan	Ann Arbor, Mich.
Feb. 27	Nebraska	Sports Pavilion
Mar. 1	Iowa	Sports Pavilion
Mar. 7	Illinois-Chicago	Sports Pavilion
Mar. 20-21	Big Ten Championships	Ann Arbor, Mich.
April 4	NCAA East Regionals	Amherst, Mass.
April 16-18	NCAA Championships	University Park, Pa.

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HOME OPENER: The Golden Gophers host No. 7 Illinois at the Sports Pavilion, Feb. 7. The Fighting Illini turned in an impressive performance in the Windy City Invitational, Jan. 17, with a second-place finish. Illinois edged out perennial power and No. 3 Ohio State by 0.950 points. Sixth-ranked Nebraska, second-ranked Iowa and 13th-ranked Illinois-Chicago are upcoming home opponents for Minnesota.

BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS: Minnesota finished fourth at the 1997 Big Ten Championships. This season, the University of Michigan will host the event in Ann Arbor, Mich., March 20-21. The Golden Gophers last won the Big Ten Championship in 1995 when current assistant coach Brian Yee, an All-American that year, finished second in the all-around and went on to finish seventh at the NCAA Championships.

NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS: The Golden Gophers are looking to get back to the NCAA Championships in University Park, Pa., April 16-18, for the first time since 1993. The NCAA East Regionals are set for April 4 in Amherst, Mass.

SWIMMING & DIVING

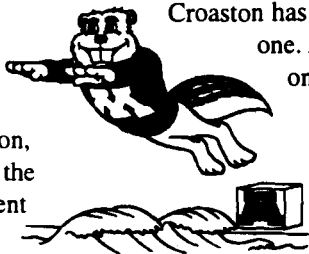
THIS WEEK: After dominating the Nebraska Triangular in Lincoln, Neb., Friday and Saturday, Jan. 23-24, the Golden Gophers (5-1 overall, 1-1 Big Ten) look to tackle another triple dual meet. Thirteenth-ranked Minnesota will swim against No. 21 Purdue and No. 25 Wisconsin in Madison, Wis., Friday and Saturday, Jan. 30-31.

BISHOP'S BEST: Sophomore distance freestyler **BILL BISHOP** (Barrington, Ill.) has captured 10 titles in the 16 events he has swam this season, including two of the three events he participated in at the Nebraska Triangular. Bishop was the only double-event winner at that meet as he took the winner's podium in the 500-yard freestyle (4:34.97) and 1,000-yard freestyle (9:23.18). Bishop has competed in five different events this season, notching an NCAA consideration time in the 1,650-yard freestyle in November (15:29.78). He currently holds Minnesota's 1,000-yard and 1,650-yard freestyle records set last season.

MASTER MASSURA: Freshman **ALEX MASSURA** (Belo Horizonte, Brazil) is the only Golden Gopher to swim across all disciplines: freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly and the individual medley. Short of getting on the diving

board, the 1996 Olympian has led the Maroon and Gold swimming in eight different stroke categories. A specialist in the sprint free and backstroke, he has garnered first place in 12 of the 18 events he has swam in. Massura also joins the Golden Gophers' top 800-yard and 400-yard freestyle relay and the 400-yard medley relay.

DIVER DAN: Another impressive freshman, diver **DAN CROASTON** (Champlin, Minn.), has quietly made a big splash. Croaston has won EVERY event he has competed in except one. At the Nebraska Triangular, Croaston finished second on the 1-meter springboard, but rebounded to post an NCAA diving standard score of 336.75 (six dives) on the 3-meter springboard.



NUMBER CRUNCHING: In its six dual meets this season, Minnesota has been out scoring its opponents by an average of 77 points. The latest point differentials included a 253-111 drubbing of 20th-ranked Texas A&M and 230-140 defeat of 16th-ranked Nebraska at the Nebraska Triangular (1/23-24). Incidentally, the Golden Gophers and Cornhuskers tied for 12th with 109 points at last season's NCAA Championship.

RANKINGS: Minnesota is ranked 13th in the nation according to the CSCAA Speedo America Top 25 Poll (Jan. 15). The highest the Golden Gophers have been ranked is 12th when the poll debuted November 13.

SCOREBOARD

OVERALL RECORD: 5-1; BIG TEN RECORD: 1-1
TOP INDIVIDUAL EVENT TIMES
(1997-98)

50 FREE — 20.38, Ty Bathurst (1st, Minn. Invite)
100 FREE — 45.16, Ty Bathurst (1st, Minn. Invite)
200 FREE — 1:39.52*, Alex Massura (1st, at Iowa)
500 FREE — 4:29.15, Bill Bishop (exb., Minn. Invite)
1000 FREE — 9:21.53, Bill Bishop (1st, vs. UNC)
1650 FREE — 15:29.78, Bill Bishop (1st, Minn. Invite)
100 BACK — 48.88#*, Alex Massura (1st, vs. UNC)
200 BACK — 1:45.53#*, Alex Massura (1st, Minn. Invite)
100 BREAST — 55.79*, Ty Bathurst (1st, Minn. Invite)
200 BREAST — 2:03.90, Chris Wood (1st, vs. UNC)
100 FLY — 48.54, Martin Zielinski (1st, Minn. Invite)
200 FLY — 1:50.07, Martin Zielinski (1st, Minn. Invite)
200 IM — 1:51.40, Jono McLeod (1st, Minn. Invite)
400 IM — 3:56.77, Bill Bishop (1st, Minn. Invite)

* personal best
+ Minnesota Varsity Record
Minnesota Freshman Record

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LAST ACTION: Minnesota swept the Nebraska Triangular, defeating 20th-ranked Texas A&M 253-111 and 16th-ranked Nebraska 230-140 Friday and Saturday, Jan. 23-24, in Lincoln, Neb. The wins improved the Golden Gophers' record to 5-1 in dual meet action.

The lone double-winner was sophomore **BILL BISHOP** (Barrington, Ill.) who took the 500-yard and 1,000-yard freestyle titles. Minnesota captured 12 of the 21 events with seven individuals grabbing first-place finishes.

TIES TO MADTOWN: Eight swimmers and divers call Wisconsin home sweet home, the sight of Minnesota's upcoming Big Ten triple dual meet. Of the eight, four are freshmen, while two are Madison, Wis. natives. Diver **MATT NINNEMAN** and breastroker **CHRIS WOOD** are local "Madtown" products. Minnesota's first-year assistant coach Jack Pettinger was the Wisconsin Badgers' head swimming and diving coach for 24 years (1969-1993), amassing a 224-87 record while the UW skipper.

TENNIS

THIS WEEK: Minnesota is off until Saturday, Feb. 14, when the team travels to Lawrence, Kan., to face 24th-ranked Kansas. The Maroon and Gold are coming off play at the Big Ten Singles Championships, Saturday through Monday, Jan. 24-26, in East Lansing, Mich.

UPSETTING THE CHAMP: The Golden Gophers' No. 1 singles player **TOM CHICOINE** (Nenah, Wis.) may have been left out of the seedings for the Big Ten Singles Championships, January 24-26, but he made his presence felt. The highest-ranked U.S. high school player ever recruited by Minnesota, Chicoine defeated Purdue's Evan Hays 6-2, 6-1 in the first round of the main draw Saturday to advance to a meeting with third-seeded Gavin Sontag of Illinois. Chicoine defeated Sontag, the defending Big Ten Singles champ, 6-4, 6-4 before bowing out to Michigan State's Trey Eubanks, the eighth seed, 1-6, 7-5, 7-5.

Chicoine defeated Sontag at the Big Ten Team Championship in April, 1997 for his 50th career victory.

OH CAPTAIN, MY CAPTAIN: Just a sophomore, team captain **MARTIN MICHALOWSKI** (Ottawa, Ontario) exuded his leadership skills, advancing as far as the Big Ten Singles Championships' quarterfinals. Michalowski, who figures into the lineup as the Maroon and Gold's No. 3 singles player, upended

two of the championships' seeded players, defeating Michigan's 13th-seeded Will Farah 6-3, 3-6, 6-3 in the second round before defeating seventh-seeded Jamie Gordon of Purdue, 6-4, 6-4 in the third round. The team's most improved player a year ago fell to Illinois' second-seeded Oliver Freelove 4-6, 6-3, 6-3 in the quarterfinal round.

Michalowski advanced the furthest of any Golden Gopher since **Russ Loel** won the title in 1995.

DOUBLE FIGURES: Minnesota's starting lineup has four players with double digits in the win column. Tom Chicoine leads all Golden Gopher winning percentages with a 14-7 record, followed by freshman **JORGE DUENAS** (Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic) who holds a 14-8 record. Martin Michalowski carries a 13-8 record, while fellow Canadian countryman freshman **TYSON PARRY** (Chatham, Ontario) brings a 10-9 record to the court.



ON THE RECORD: Speaking of records, freshman **JON SVENSSON** (Kristianstad, Sweden) and junior **MARTIN KRISTOFFERSEN** (Portgrunn, Norway) are the only two U of M players with undefeated dual match records. Svensson, the Golden Gophers' No. 6 singles player, is 3-0, with a win at No. 5 singles. Kristoffersen, seventh in the singles lineup, holds a 1-0 record following his win in the match against Ohio State Sunday, Jan. 18 at No. 6 singles. He also advanced to the finals of the Nos. 7 and 8 back draw, before pulling out of the Big Ten Singles Championships.

SCOREBOARD

Singles	Overall	Dual	Tourn.	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6
Tom Chicoine	14-7	1-2	13-5	1-2					
Adam Selkirk	5-10	1-1	4-9		1-1				
M. Michalowski	13-8	1-2	12-6		1-0	0-2			
Jorge Duenas	14-8	2-1	12-7			1-0	1-1		
Tyson Parry	10-9	2-1	8-8				0-1	2-0	
Jon Svensson	9-8	3-0	6-8					1-0	2-0
M. Kristoffersen	7-7	1-0	6-7						1-0
Ed Marques	2-8		2-8						
Voke Okoh	0-2		0-2						

Doubles	Overall	Dual	Tourn.	#1	#2	#3
Michalowski/Parry	12-5	1-2	11-3	1-2		
Chicoine/Duenas	7-7	2-1	5-6		2-1	
Selkirk/Svensson	6-3	2-0	4-3			2-0
Kristoffersen/Svensson	3-1	1-0	2-1			1-0
Marques/Dvorak	1-1		1-1			
Marques/Okoh	1-1		1-1			

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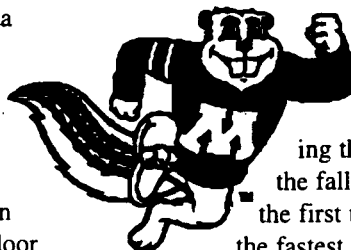
RANKINGS: The University of Minnesota is ranked No. 48 in the nation according to the ITA's fall rankings (Dec. 9). The next rankings will be available Feb. 9 and can be accessed through the internet at: www.tennisonline.com

TRACK & FIELD

THIS WEEK: Fifteenth-ranked Minnesota competes in the Nebraska Triangular Saturday, Jan. 31, in Lincoln, Neb. Scheduled to appear are Nebraska, Minnesota and Kent.

HOP, SKIP, JUMPING TOWARDS A RECORD:

Sophomore **STAFFAN STRAND** (Uppsland-Vasby, Sweden) immediately proved why he was the 1997 Big Ten Freshman of the Year with his sparking spring at the Minnesota Invitational, Saturday, Jan. 24 at the U of M Field House. The All-American high jumper shattered his own school indoor record and set a Big Ten record when he leapt 7-6 1/2 (2.30m) in his first competition of the season. The previous conference mark was 7-5 (2.26m) set by Strand in 1997, which placed him second at the NCAA Indoor Championships and Paul Piwinski of Michigan State in 1983. In addition to breaking Minnesota's indoor record with the NCAA automatic qualifying jump, he smashed the Field House and Minnesota Invitational records by three inches. It is the highest leap in the nation among collegians this season. His old record, 7-5 (2.26m), placed him second at last year's NCAA Indoor Championships.



distance teams have improved in 1998. At the Minnesota Invitational (1/24), the Golden Gophers took three of the five mid-distance and distance events they competed in, while placing second in the other two events. Freshman **TOM GERDING** (Waconia, Minn) won his second straight 600-meter run with the season's best time of 1:19.16, while freshman **JOSH BRANG** (Winona, Minn.) won the mile run in 4:10.42. Brang caught and passed the leader, Houston Barber of Marquette, in the final 400 meters to win the event. Junior transfer **ERIC PIERCE** (Forest Lake, Minn.) won the 3,000-meter run in 8:32.94 to round out the trio of distance victories.

TURF VS. TRACK: Sophomore **FRED RODGERS** (Hamilton, Ohio) splits his athletic calendar between football in the fall and track during the winter and spring. Rodgers, a cornerback during the fall, joined the Golden Gopher sprint contingent for the first time at the Minnesota Invitational. Rodgers posted the fastest qualifying time in the preliminary races of the 55-meter dash, Saturday (6.51). Rodgers, backed by the support of his football teammates, placed second in the finals with a time of 6.48, .06 off the mark from the winner, Tony Simmons of Wisconsin. Simmons posted a 6.52 time in the prelims.

GOING THE DISTANCE: Minnesota's mid-distance and

SCOREBOARD

TOP INDOOR PERFORMANCES

55m Dash -- Fred Rodgers, 6.48 (1/24)
55m High Hurdles -- Niles Deneen%, 7.54, (1/24)
600m Hurdles -- Yet to be competed in this season
200m Dash -- Steve Burkholder, 22.68 (1/10)
400m Dash -- Bob Quade, 50.49 (1/10)
600m Dash -- Tom Gerding, 1:19.16 (1/24)
800m Run -- Nate Clay, 1:54.77\$ (1/24)
Mile Run -- Josh Brang, 4:10.42 (1/24)
3,000m Run -- Nate Clay, 8:30.27\$ (1/10)
5,000m Run -- Yet to be competed in this season
High Jump -- Staffan Strand, 7-6 1/2 (2.30)!&@^\$ (1/24)
Pole Vault -- Vesa Rantanen, 17-4 3/4* (5.30m) (1/10)
Long Jump -- Marcus Westberry, 2-7 1/4 (6.89m) (1/17)
Triple Jump -- Marcus Westberry, 49-0 1/4 (:4.91) (1/17)
Shot Put -- Chad Yenchsky, 59-4 1/4 (18.08m)*\$ (1/24)
Weight Throw -- Mark Fahey, 48-4 3/4 (14.75m) (1/17)
Pentathlon -- Jesse Madsen%, 3,289 (1/24)
Heptathlon -- Yet to be competed in this season

Key:

* NCAA Provisional

! NCAA Automatic

& Minnesota School Record

@ Field House Record

^ Big Ten Record

\$ Personal Best

U of M Freshman Record

% competed unattached

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UNDER CONSIDERATION: Three Golden Gophers have already made consideration performances for the NCAA Indoor Championships, March 13-14, in Indianapolis, Ind. Sophomore **STAFFAN STRAND** (Uppsland-Vasby, Sweden) automatically qualified with his record-breaking high jump of 7-6 1/2 (2.30m) at the Minnesota Invitational, while junior **VESA RANTANEN** (Virrat, Finland) vaulted an NCAA consideration height of 17-4 3/4 (5.30m) at the Badger Track Classic (1/10) and senior **CHAD YENCHESKY** (DePere, Wis.) threw a career-best and NCAA consideration shot put of 59-4 1/4 (18.08m) for first place at the Minnesota Invitational.

LATEST RANKINGS: Minnesota is tied for 15th in the nation with North Carolina according to Trackwire's latest top 25 poll posted January 21. Arkansas leads the pack, while the only other Big Ten school, Michigan, sits at ninth.

WRESTLING

THIS WEEK: The No. 2 Golden Gophers (13-1 overall, 0-1 Big Ten) travel to Madison, Wis., to take on the Wisconsin Badgers (6-5, 0-3) in a dual meet Saturday, Jan. 31, at 7 p.m. in the UW Field House. Minnesota is looking for its first win in a Big Ten Conference dual meet after losing to Iowa 20-12 last Friday at Williams Arena. Last weekend, the Badgers defeated Northern Iowa 25-20 in the UW Field House Jan. 23, and lost to Iowa 39-3 at Carver-Hawkeye Arena Jan. 24.

IN THE SERIES: Minnesota leads the series with Wisconsin 46-28-1. The Golden Gophers won the last meeting between the two teams with a 28-9 victory at Williams Arena, Feb. 2, 1997.

PROBABLE LINEUP VS. WISCONSIN BADGERS

- 118 — **BRETT LAWRENCE** (Fr., Sandpoint, Idaho)
- 126 — **PAT CONNORS** (Jr., Longview, Wash.) -OR- **BART GOLYER** (So., Cedar, Minn.)
- 134 — **TROY MARR** (Jr., Wyoming, Minn.)
- 142 — **JASON DAVIDS** (Sr., Forest Lake, Minn.)
- 150 — **CHAD KRAFT** (Jr., Lakefield, Minn.)
- 158 — **JOSH HOLIDAY** (Jr., Anaheim, Calif.)

- 167 — **ZAC TAYLOR** (Sr., Sandpoint, Idaho) -OR- **DELANEY BERGER** (So., Mandan, N.D.)
- 177 — **BRANDON EGGUM** (So., Sidney, Mont.)
- 190 — **TIM HARTUNG** (Jr., Durand, Wis.)
- Hwt — **SHELTON BENJAMIN** (Sr., Orangeburg, S.C.)

IOWA DOWNS MINNESOTA IN FRONT OF RECORD CROWD:

The Golden Gophers lost to the No. 3 Iowa Hawkeyes 20-12 Friday, Jan. 23, in front of a school-record 11,284 fans at Williams Arena. The attendance mark surpasses the old record set Feb. 3, 1980, when 9,225 fans turned out at Williams Arena to watch the Iowa State Cyclones defeat the Golden Gophers 19-18 at Williams Arena.

Junior **CHAD KRAFT** remained unbeaten for the Golden Gophers, decisioning Iowa's Jamie Heidt 4-0.

Kraft is now 13-0 on the season. Senior **JASON**

DAVIDS, ranked No. 1 in the country at 142 pounds, lost his first match of the season to No. 4 Jeff McGinness in a 6-2 decision. Davids is now 23-1 on the season. Sophomore **BRANDON EGGUM**, ranked fifth in nation at 177 pounds, also fell for the first time this season in a hard-fought 8-7 loss to Iowa's Paul Jenn to fall to 21-1 on the year.

Junior **TIM HARTUNG**, ranked No. 3 in the country at 190 pounds, avenged his loss to No. 2 Lee Fullhart of Iowa at the National Duals, soundly decisioning him to improve to 21-1 on the season.



SCOREBOARD

TOP INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

Wt.	Name	Overall	Total	Dual	Big Ten	Pins
118	Brett Lawrence	14-6	14-6	9-5	0-1	3
	Leroy Vega	11-2	11-2	0-0	0-0	1
	Julio Alaniz	6-4	6-4	0-0	0-0	0
126	Bart Golyer	17-2	16-1	6-0	0-0	3
	Pat Connors	17-4	9-4	5-3	1-0	4
134	Chad Erikson	11-3	11-3	0-0	0-0	3
	Ty Friederichs	11-7	11-7	0-0	0-0	1
	Pat Connors		8-0	4-0	0-0	3
	Bart Golyer		1-1	1-1	0-0	0
	Josh Krebs	11-6	11-6	2-1	0-0	3
	Troy Marr	21-5	7-3	3-2	0-1	2
142	Jason Davids	23-1	23-1	13-1	0-1	13
	Joe Calavitta	8-2	8-2	0-0	0-0	2
	Troy Marr		14-1	0-0	0-0	0
150	Chad Kraft	13-0	13-0	12-C	1-0	2
	Brad Pike	15-4	15-4	0-1	0-0	3
	Eddie Pak	5-6	5-6	0-0	0-0	0
	Troy Marr		0-1	0-1	0-0	0
158	Tim Kinsella	13-2	13-2	1-0	0-0	1
	Jesse Krebs	6-5	6-5	0-1	0-0	0
	Josh Holiday	20-1	20-1	11-1	1-0	4
167	Delaney Berger	15-1	15-1	2-0	0-0	2
	Zac Taylor	22-3	22-3	10-2	0-1	7
	Mike Cuperus	14-2	14-2	0-0	0-0	5
	Matt Kraft	6-2	6-2	0-0	0-0	0
177	Brandon Eggum	21-1	21-1	12-1	0-1	6
	Kenneth Howard	3-3	3-3	0-0	0-0	1
190	Tim Hartung	21-1	21-1	13-1	0-1	15
	Owen Elzen	7-4	7-4	0-0	0-0	4
HWT	Shelton Benjamin	21-4	21-4	9-3	0-1	7
	Brent Boeshans	13-4	13-4	2-0	0-0	1

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No. 3 Iowa 20, No. 2 Minnesota 12

Friday, Jan. 23, 1998 — Williams Arena

118 - No. 12 Eric Juergens (IA) maj. dec. No. 19 Brett Lawrence (UM) 18-4

126 - No. 13 Pat Connors (UM) dec. No. 8 Doug Schwab (IA) 6-3

134 - No. 1 Mark Ironside (IA) maj. dec. No. 7 Troy Marr (UM) 17-6

142 - No. 4 Jeff McGinness (IA) dec. No. 1 Jason Davids (UM) 6-2

150 - No. 1 Chad Kraft (UM) dec. Jamie Heidt (IA) 4-0

158 - No. 9 Josh Holiday (UM) dec. Ben Uker (IA) 9-3

167 - No. 1 Joe Williams (IA) dec. No. 5 Zac Taylor (UM) 6-5

177 - Paul Jenn (IA) dec. No. 5 Brandon Eggum (UM) 8-7

190 - No. 3 Tim Hartung (UM) dec. No. 2 Lee Fullhart (IA) 6-1

Hwt - No. 9 Wes Hand (IA) dec. No. 6 Shelton Benjamin (UM) 7-3

WRESTLING

HAWKEYES SNAP GOPHERS' WINNING

STREAK: With their 20-12 victory over Minnesota, the Iowa Hawkeyes snapped the Golden Gophers' 13-match winning streak. In a streak going back to last season, the Golden Gophers had won 18 straight dual meets and 18 of their last 20. In fact, Minnesota had not lost a dual meet since Oklahoma State defeated Minnesota 26-10 last Jan. 31 in Stillwater, Okla.

MINNESOTA SOLIDIFIES HOLD ON SECOND IN NATIONAL POLLS:

The Golden Gopher wrestling team remained second for the third straight week in the January 22 National Wrestling Coaches Association/*Amateur Wrestling News* rankings, trailing Oklahoma State by only three points. The Golden Gophers also received two first-place votes in the latest poll. That is Minnesota's highest ranking of the season and its highest since the team slipped to second in the country in the final poll of the 1993-94 season after holding the No. 1 spot for two weeks that year. The Golden Gophers had been third in every poll this season prior to the January 8 ranking.

SEVEN 20-MATCH WINNERS IN LINEUP:

Seven Golden Gophers in the starting lineup have won at least 20 matches this season. Senior **JASON DAVIDS** (142) leads the team with a 23-1 record. Senior **ZAC TAYLOR** (167) is second with a 22-3 record on the season. Other 20-match winners include junior **TROY MARR** (134) at 21-5, sophomore **BRANDON EGGUM** (177) is 21-1, junior **TIM HARTUNG** (190) is 21-1, senior **SHELTON BENJAMIN** (hwt) is 21-4 and junior **JOSH HOLIDAY** (158) is 20-1.

LATEST INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS: Individually, two-time All-Americans **JASON DAVIDS** and **CHAD KRAFT** are the top-ranked wrestlers in their weight classes in the Jan. 22 Intercollegiate Wrestling Association rankings. Davids is ranked first at 142 lbs. after placing third at the 1997 NCAA Championships. Kraft, a junior from Lakefield, Minn., is the top ranked wrestler at 150 after his third-place showing at the NCAA meet. Defending Big Ten champion and 1997 All-American **TIM HARTUNG** is ranked second at 190.

Other ranked Minnesota wrestlers include senior All-American **SHELTON BENJAMIN** who is sixth at heavy-weight, senior **ZAC TAYLOR** who is ranked fifth at 167, junior All-American **PAT CONNORS** who is 13th at 126, junior **TROY MARR** who is the seventh-ranked wrestler at 134, junior **JOSH HOLIDAY** who is ninth at 158 pounds and sophomore **BRANDON EGGUM** who is fifth at 177 pounds. Freshman **BRETT LAWRENCE** made his first appearance in the rankings on Jan. 2 and is currently listed as the nation's 19th-ranked wrestler at 118.

IN THE CONFERENCE: Ten Minnesota wrestlers are ranked in the Jan. 19 Big Ten Conference Wrestling Coaches poll, including two athletes who are ranked No. 1 in their weight class. No other Big Ten school had all 10 of its starters listed in the poll.

Senior **JASON DAVIDS** is ranked No. 1 at 142 pounds by the coaches and junior **CHAD KRAFT** is No. 1 at 150 pounds.

Davids and Kraft are also both ranked No. 1 in the nation at their respective weights.

Other ranked Minnesota wrestlers include freshman **BRETT LAWRENCE**, who is tied for fifth at 118 pounds; junior **PAT CONNORS**, fourth at 126; junior **TROY MARR**, third at 134; junior **JOSH HOLIDAY**, second at 158 pounds; senior **ZAC TAYLOR**, fourth at 167; sophomore **BRANDON EGGUM**, third at 177; junior **TIM HARTUNG**, second at 190; and senior **SHELTON BENJAMIN**, second at heavyweight.

HOLDING THEM SCORELESS: Minnesota's 49-0 victory over two-time NAIA national champion Missouri Valley College Saturday at the National Duals marked the team's fifth shutout of the season. Minnesota's other shutouts came against Mankato State (38-0), Truman State (57-0), Augustana (53-0) and San Francisco State (46-0). The Golden Gophers have lost only one match in three other duals this season (Fresno State 45-3, Nebraska 43-3, West Virginia 33-3).

PIN CITY: Through 14 dual meets this season, Minnesota's wrestlers have won 38 matches by pinning their opponents, including Benajmin's dramatic fall in 2:16 over Iowa's Wes Hand to give the Golden Gophers the National Duals title. Minnesota recorded a remarkable eight wins by fall in a 57-0 win over Truman State on Dec. 5, 1997. Last year through 14 duals, Minnesota had only recorded 19 match wins by pin.

Junior **TIM HARTUNG** is the team leader with eight pins in dual meets. Senior **JASON DAVIDS** is second with six. Hartung is also the overall team leader with 15 pins overall, and Davids is second with 13.

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THIS WEEK IN GOPHER SPORTS

Wed, Feb. 4	Basketball	at Illinois Champaign, Ill. MSC (live) WCCO-AM (830) 7 p.m.	Sat, Feb. 7	Basketball	vs. Michigan Williams Arena CBS (live) WCCO-AM (830) 1 p.m.
	Golf	at Alumni Meet Phoenix, Ariz. All Day		Gymnastics	vs. Illinois Sports Pavilion 1 p.m.
Fri, Feb. 6	Hockey	vs. Wisconsin Mariucci Arena MSC (live) KSTP-AM (1500) 7:35 p.m.	Sat, Feb. 7	Hockey	vs. Wisconsin Target Center MSC (live) KSTP-AM (1500) 7:05 p.m.
	Swimming/ Diving	vs. Minnesota Challenge U of M Aquatic Center 6 p.m.		Swimming/ Diving	vs. Minnesota Challenge Aquatic Center Noon/6 p.m.
	Track/Field	at Iowa State Classic Ames, Iowa All Day		Track/Field	at Iowa State Classic Ames, Iowa All Day
Sat, Feb. 7	Wrestling	at Penn State University Park, Pa. 7:30 p.m.	Sun, Feb. 8	Baseball	vs. Pro-Alumni Game Metrodome 1 p.m.
	Golf	at Alumni Meet Phoenix, Ariz. All Day		Wrestling	at Ohio State Columbus, Ohio 2 p.m.

WEEKLY RELEASES

The University of Minnesota Men's Media Relations Office will be producing five separate releases during the 1997-98 academic year. Football, basketball, hockey and baseball information will be covered in sport-specific weekly releases, while information on "Olympic Sports" will appear each Monday in this release. Please refer any questions to the Men's Media Relations office at (612) 625-4090.

GOPHER HOTLINE

The Golden Gopher Hotline features daily interviews with players and coaches. It is available to the media 24 hours a day by calling (612) 625-7887. The hotline is broadcast quality and is changed by noon each day. This service is for media use only. The schedule for this week is as follows:

Tuesday, February 3:
Head Minnesota Basketball Coach **CLEM HASKINS'** weekly press conference

Wednesday, February 4:
Head Hockey Coach **DOUG WOOG** previews the Wisconsin series

Thursday, February 5:
Senior captain **CASEY HANKINSON** previews the Wisconsin series.

Friday, February 6:
Head Baseball Coach **JOHN ANDERSON** previews the opening of the 1998 baseball season and the pro-alumni game

Saturday and Sunday, February 7-8:
Head Basketball Coach **CLEM HASKINS'** and Head Michigan Basketball Coach **BRIAN ELLERBE'S** postgame comments

GOLF

THIS WEEK: The University of Minnesota golf team returns from a three-moth hiatus with its annual Alumni Team Challenge Friday and Saturday, Feb. 6-7 at Pinnacle Peak in Phoenix, Ariz. The competition, which will feature six current Golden Gophers against six Minnesota alumni, will serve as a warm up for Minnesota heading into a tough winter schedule.

FLASHBACK: *ReliaStar Invitational:* Less than one month after suffering a stroke, senior **ROB KERR** (Pointe Claire, Quebec) jumped out to a three-shot lead after one day of play to lead the Golden Gophers in Minnesota's host invitational, Sept. 14-15. The Golden Gophers trailed by two strokes after the first day but shot a 282 in the final day to capture its second straight ReliaStar crown at Dellwood Hills Golf Club in Dellwood, Minn. Kerr took medalist honors, finishing with a 7-under par 209.



Northern Intercollegiate: **ROBB KERR** led Minnesota again, capturing his second title in as many tournaments at the Northern Intercollegiate at the Forest Akers Golf Course in East Lansing, Mich., Sept. 27-28. His victory was fueled by a 7-under par 65 in the second round. The Golden Gophers, who had three golfers finish with identical 223 score cards, tied for second place.

Nike Northwest Classic: Minnesota received leadership on the links from junior **BILL THOMPSON** (Wayzata, Minn.) who finished seven strokes off the leader with a 1-over par 217 at the par-72 course in Corvallis, Ore., Oct. 6-7. The Golden Gophers took 13th in the Nike Northwest Classic's highly competitive field.

Coca-Cola Classic: The U of M ended its fall season with a second-place finish at the Coca-Cola Classic in Las Cruces, N.M., Oct. 10-11. Sophomore **MARTIN LeMESURIER** (Hampshire, England) turned in a three-round total of 219 to lead Minnesota with his 12th-place finish. LeMesurier finished one stroke ahead of fellow Golden Gopher **BILL THOMPSON**.

RANKINGS: Minnesota began the season ranked eighth in the country according to the MasterCard Collegiate Golf Rankings. Throughout the fall, the Golden Gophers dropped to ninth before holding at 33rd in the last poll released December 10.

The Golden Gophers are second in District 4 heading into the winter, while **ROB KERR** is the highest-rated player in the nation at 44th.

SCOREBOARD

TOP FIVE GOLFERS FROM THE FALL SCHEDULE

	TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
1. Rob Kerr	ReliaStar Collegiate Invite	70/68/71	216	209/1st out of 65
Sept. 14-15	Northern Collegiate Invite	74/65/71	216	210/1st out of 90
Sept. 27-28	Nike Northwest Classic	75/76/75	216	226/T56th out of 110
Oct. 6-7	Coca-Cola Classic	73/79/70	216	222/T19th out of 111
Oct. 10-11	Fall Rounds: 12	Strokes: 867	Average: 72.3	
2. Bill Thompson	ReliaStar Collegiate Invite	71/73/71	216	215/T6th out of 65
Sept. 14-15	Northern Collegiate Invite	76/72/75	216	223/T18th out of 90
Sept. 27-28	Nike Northwest Classic	72/74/71	216	217/T10th out of 110
Oct. 6-7	Coca-Cola Classic	71/73/76	216	220/T13th out of 111
Oct. 10-11	Fall Rounds: 12	Strokes: 875	Average: 72.9	
3. M. Le Mesurier	ReliaStar Collegiate Invite	78/74/70	216	222/T32nd out of 65
Sept. 14-15	Northern Collegiate Invite	72/78/73	216	223/T18th out of 90
Sept. 27-28	Nike Northwest Classic	79/73/75	216	227/T59th out of 110
Oct. 6-7	Coca-Cola Classic	72/74/73	216	219/12th out of 111
Oct. 10-11	Fall Rounds: 12	Strokes: 891	Average: 74.3	
4. Jeff Barney	ReliaStar Collegiate Invite	71/73/70	216	214/T4th out of 65
Sept. 14-15	Northern Collegiate Invite	79/78/75	216	232/T53rd out of 90
Sept. 27-28	Nike Northwest Classic	78/76/74	216	228/T70th out of 110
Oct. 6-7	Fall Rounds: 9	Strokes: 674	Average: 74.9	
5. Andy Komor	ReliaStar Collegiate Invite	72/71/72	216	215/T6th out of 65
Sept. 14-15	Northern Collegiate Invite	74/73/76	216	233/T18th out of 90
Sept. 27-28	Nike Northwest Classic	76/79/82	216	237/T99th out of 110
Oct. 6-7	Fall Rounds: 9	Strokes: 674	Average: 74.9	

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1998 MEN'S GOLF SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Site
Feb. 6-7	Alumni Challenge	Phoenix, Ariz.
Feb. 15-16	Bridges All-America	Bay St. Louis, Mo.
Feb. 23-24	Puerto Rico Challenge	Rio Mar, Puerto Rico
March 23-24	Georgia Tech Invitational	Atlanta, Ga.
March 28-29	Dr. Pepper Intercollegiate	Denton, Texas
April 10-11	Marshall Invitational	Huntington, W.V.
April 25-26	King Cobra Firestone	Akron, Ohio
May 2-3	Wolverine Invitational	Ann Arbor, Mich.
May 8-10	Big Ten Championships	East Lansing, Mich.
May 13-15	NCAA Central Regionals	TBA
May 24-30	NCAA Championships	Albuquerque, N.M.

GYMNASTICS

THIS WEEK: The No. 16 Golden Gophers open their home season with a dual meet against the seventh-ranked Fighting Illini of the University of Illinois, Saturday, Feb. 7. The meet is scheduled to begin at 1:00 p.m. in the Sports Pavilion.

LAST ACTION: Minnesota lost to the second-ranked Ohio State Buckeyes 226.350-217.950, Jan. 31, in Columbus, Ohio.

Illinois scored an impressive victory over No. 7 Michigan and No. 3 Penn State in Champaign, Ill. last weekend.

FLASHBACK: Last season, Minnesota and Illinois did not meet in a dual competition, but competed against each other at the Big Ten Championships, March 22-23. The Golden Gophers edged out the Fighting Illini for fourth place by .250 points.

INJURY FRONT: The Golden Gophers have been slowed by a rash of injuries to key contributors. **DAN BOOTS** (JR, Pearland, Texas), **TODD GUILBEAU** (FR, Houston, Texas) and **BOB HUBBARD** (SR, Phoenix, Ariz.) were unable to participate in the meet at Ohio State and their status for the Illinois dual is still uncertain. Of the three, Hubbard has the best chance at returning at some point in the season.

THE SPECIALIST: Junior **JASON KROB** (St. Charles,

Mo.) turned in the Golden Gophers' top performance with a first-place finish on the pommel horse with a score of 9.750. Last season, Krob finished the year ranked 15th in the country in that event. A two-year letterwinner, Krob is looking to improve on his fifth-place finish last year at the NCAA East Regional Championships in the pommel horse competition.

ALL-AROUND GUY: Sophomore **LINDSEY FANG** (Allentown, Pa.) has been the only Golden Gopher to compete in the all-around competition this season. Against Illinois, Fang finished second on the pommel horse with a 9.500 and third with a 9.250 on the horizontal bar. He finished fourth in the all-around with a 55.150.



COACH ROETHLISBERGER: Head Coach Fred Roethlisberger is in his 27th year at the helm of the University of Minnesota Gymnastics program. Roethlisberger has led his team to 11 Big Ten Championships during his tenure and has a 170-69-1 (.713) career record.

SENIOR LEADERSHIP: Senior co-captains Bob Hubbard (Phoenix, Ariz.) and George Beatty will be counted on to lead the young Golden Gopher squad this season. The three-year letterwinners, along with **MICHAEL MAMAKOS** (Huntington, N.Y./UCLA), are the only seniors on this year's roster.

SCOREBOARD

1998 MEN'S GYMNASTICS SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Site/Result
Jan. 10	Alumni Meet	* L 213.90-221.85
Jan. 17	Windy City Invitational	7th/213.85
Jan. 31	Ohio State	L 217.95-226.35
Feb. 7	Illinois	Sports Pavilion
Feb. 13	Michigan State	East Lansing, Mich.
Feb. 14	Michigan	Ann Arbor, Mich.
Feb. 27	Nebraska	Sports Pavilion
Mar. 1	Iowa	Sports Pavilion
Mar. 7	Illinois-Chicago	Sports Pavilion
Mar. 20-21	Big Ten Championships	Ann Arbor, Mich.
April 4	NCAA East Regionals	Amherst, Mass.
April 16-18	NCAA Championships	University Park, Pa.

*Exhibition

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HOME OPENER: The Golden Gophers host No. 7 Illinois at the Sports Pavilion, Saturday, Feb. 7. The Fighting Illini turned in an impressive performance in the season-opening Windy City Invitational, Jan. 17, with a second-place finish. Illinois edged out perennial power and No. 2 Ohio State by 0.950 points. Sixth-ranked Nebraska, second-ranked Iowa and 13th-ranked Illinois-Chicago are upcoming home opponents for Minnesota.

BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS: Minnesota finished fourth at the 1997 Big Ten Championships. This season, the University of Michigan will host the event in Ann Arbor, Mich., March 20-21. The Golden Gophers last won the Big Ten Championship in 1995 when current assistant coach Brian Yee, an All-American selection that year, finished second in the all-around and went on the finish 7th at the NCAA Championships.

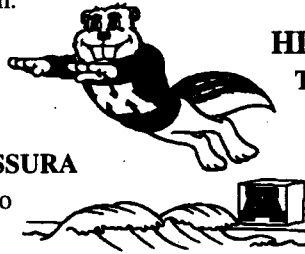
NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS: The Golden Gophers are looking to get back to the NCAA Championships in University Park, Pa., April 16-18, for the first time since 1993. The NCAA East Regionals are set for April 4 in Amherst, Mass.

SWIMMING & DIVING

THIS WEEK: Minnesota wrapped up the toughest part of its schedule in style as the Golden Gophers (7-1 overall, 3-1 Big Ten) won their last two triangular meets. Now the U of M hosts the Minnesota Invitational, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 6-7, at the Aquatic Center. Friday's action gets underway at 6 p.m., while Saturday competition will be at noon and 6 p.m. The Invitational will be Minnesota's final event of the season before the Big Ten Championships, February 26-28.

MASTER MASSURA: Freshman **ALEX MASSURA** (Belo Horizonte, Brazil) is the only Golden Gopher to swim across all disciplines: freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly and the individual medley. Short of getting on the diving board, the 1996 Olympian has led the Maroon and Gold swimming in eight different stroke categories. A specialist in the sprint free and backstroke, he has garnered first place in 14 of the 20 events he has swam in. Massura also joins the Golden Gophers' top 800-yard and 400-yard freestyle relay and the 400-yard medley relay.

At the triple duals in Madison, Wis., Jan. 30-31, Massura won both the 100-yard and 200-yard backstroke, including posting another NCAA consideration time in the 100-yard backstroke (49.32). He has been the Golden Gophers' best swimmer since the start of the new year.



DIVER DAN: Another impressive freshman, diver **DAN CROASTON** (Champlin, Minn.), has quietly made a big splash. Croaston has won EVERY event he has competed in except one. At the Nebraska Triangular, Croaston finished fourth on the 1-meter springboard, but rebounded to post an NCAA diving standard score of 336.75 (six dives) on the 3-meter springboard. At that meet, Croaston ousted two divers who finished in the top eight of the NCAA Championships on the 3-meter springboard.

HIGH FLYIN': Junior butterfly specialist **MARTIN ZIELINSKI** (Bloomington, Minn.) has turned on the jets to close out the season. Zielinski captured the 100-yard butterfly with an NCAA consideration time of 48.46, Saturday at the Triple Duals. It was his best time in the event this season. Zielinski leads the Big Ten top times list in the 100-yard butterfly and is among the top 10 in the 100-yard backstroke and 200-yard butterfly.

NUMBER CRUNCHING: In its eight dual meets this season, Minnesota has been out scoring its opponents by an average of 76 points. The latest point differentials included a 219-116 drubbing of Wisconsin and 194-154 defeat of Purdue at the Triple Duals (1/30-31).

SCOREBOARD

OVERALL RECORD: 7-1; BIG TEN RECORD: 3-1
TOP INDIVIDUAL EVENT TIMES
(1997-98)

50 FREE — 20.16[^], Ty Bathurst (prelim, Minn. Invite)
100 FREE — 44.93[^], Alex Massura (split time, vs. UNC)
200 FREE — 1:39.52*, Alex Massura (1st, at Iowa)
500 FREE — 4:29.15, Bill Bishop (exb., Minn. Invite)
1000 FREE — 9:21.53, Bill Bishop (1st, vs. UNC)
1650 FREE — 15:29.78[^], Bill Bishop (1st, Minn. Invite)
100 BACK — 48.88#*[^], Alex Massura (1st, vs. UNC)
200 BACK — 1:45.53#*[^], Alex Massura (1st, Minn. Invite)
100 BREAST — 55.79*[^], Ty Bathurst (1st, Minn. Invite)
200 BREAST — 2:03.90, Chris Wood (1st, vs. UNC)
100 FLY — 48.46[^], Martin Zielinski (1st, Triple Duals)
200 FLY — 1:49.80, Yoav Meiri (1st, Triple Duals)
200 IM — 1:51.40, Jono McLeod (1st, Minn. Invite)
400 IM — 3:56.77, Bill Bishop (1st, Minn. Invite)

* personal best

[^] NCAA consideration

! NCAA automatic

+ Minnesota Varsity Record

Minnesota Freshman Record

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HOW SWEEP IT IS: The 13th-ranked Golden Gophers have swept their last two triangular dual meets, making a favorable impression on the swimming and diving world. After dominating the Nebraska Triangular, Jan. 23-24, Minnesota followed with a 219-116 victory over Wisconsin and a 194-154 defeat of Purdue at the Triple Duals in Madison, Wis., Jan. 30-31. The U of M captured 10 of 19 events, including two of four relay races. Minnesota has won seven straight dual meets since suffering a loss to Iowa in its first meet of the year. The Golden Gophers have also won every invitational they have competed in.

UP NEXT: Following the Minnesota Invitational, the Golden Gophers will take time off to prepare for the Big Ten Championships, Feb. 26-28. Minnesota will host the conference championships with preliminary events at noon and finals at 7 p.m. each day. Minnesota finished second to Michigan at last season's championships.

RANKINGS: Minnesota is ranked 13th in the nation for the second straight poll according to the CSCAA Speedo America Top 25 Poll (Jan. 29). The highest the Golden Gophers have been ranked is 12th when the poll debuted November 13.

TRACK & FIELD

THIS WEEK: Thirteenth-ranked Minnesota competes at the Iowa State Classic, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 6-7, in Ames, Iowa.

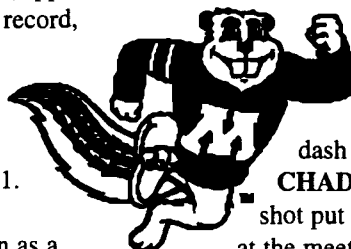
ANOTHER ONE BITES THE DUST: For the second straight track and field meet, a Minnesota school indoor record fell. Last week sophomore **STAFFAN STRAND** (Uppsland-Vasby, Sweden) broke his own indoor high jump record, this week at the Nebraska Triangular, Jan. 31, a track record was broken. Senior **NILES DENEEN** (St. Paul, Minn.) shattered a nine-year-old record in the 55-meter hurdles taking first place with an NCAA provisional time of 7.31. The old record, held by Rich Benoy, was 7.45.

It was Deneen's first competition of the season as a Golden Gopher after he won the 55-meter hurdles competing unattached at the Minnesota Invitational, Jan. 24.

HONOR ROLL: Sophomore **STAFFAN STRAND** (Uppsland-Vasby, Sweden) was named *Trackwire's* Athlete of the Week for the week ending Jan. 30. Strand earned the distinction after breaking his own school indoor record and setting a Big Ten record when he leapt 7-6 1/2 (2.30m) at the Minnesota Invitational, Jan. 24. The previous conference mark was 7-5

(2.26m) set by Strand in 1997, which placed him second at the NCAA Indoor Championships, and Paul Piwinski of Michigan State in 1983. In addition to breaking Minnesota's indoor record with the NCAA automatic qualifying jump, he smashed the Field House and Minnesota Invitational records by three inches. It is the highest leap in the nation among collegians this season, second currently in the world and seventh all-time on the collegiate list.

HAPPENING IN THREES: Three Minnesota track and field athletes took first-place honors at the Nebraska Triangular, Jan. 31. **NILES DENEEN** led the trio with his record-breaking 55-meter hurdle time, while two-sport athlete **FRED RODGERS** (Hamilton, Ohio) won the 55-meter dash with a season-best time of 6.33 and senior thrower **CHAD YENCHESKY** (DePere, Wis.) took first with a shot put of 56-05 1/4 (17.20m). Minnesota took third place at the meet.



SIGN OF THE TIMES: Sixteen of Minnesota's performances are listed among the top 10 performances in the Big Ten Conference as of January 30. Both **STAFFAN STRAND** and **VESA RANTANEN** (Jr., Virrat, Finland) lead the conference in their respective events. Strand holds the best height in the high jump (7-6 1/2; 2.30m), while Rantanen has the highest vault of the year (17-4 3/4; 5.30m).

SCOREBOARD

TOP INDOOR PERFORMANCES

55m Dash -- Fred Rodgers, 6.33 (1/31)
55m High Hurdles -- Niles Deneen, 7.31* & \$ (1/31)
600m Hurdles -- Yet to be competed in this season
200m Dash -- Steve Burkholder, 22.19 (1/31)
400m Dash -- Adam Freed, 50.03 (1/31)
600m Dash -- Tom Gerding, 1:19.16# (1/24)
800m Run -- Nate Clay, 1:54.77\$ (1/24)
Mile Run -- Josh Brang, 4:10.42 (1/24)
3,000m Run -- Nate Clay, 8:30.27\$ (1/10)
5,000m Run -- Yet to be competed in this season
High Jump -- Staffan Strand, 7-6 1/2 (2.30)! & @ ^ \$ (1/24)
Pole Vault -- Vesa Rantanen, 17-4 3/4* (5.30m) (1/10)
Long Jump -- Marcus Westberry, 2-7 1/4 (6.89m) (1/17)
Triple Jump -- Marcus Westberry, 49-0 1/4 (14.91) (1/17)
Shot Put -- Chad Yenchesky, 59-4 1/4 (18.08m)* \$ (1/24)
Weight Throw -- Mark Fahey, 48-4 3/4 (14.75m) (1/17)
Pentathlon -- Jesse Madsen%, 3,289 (1/24)
Heptathlon -- Yet to be competed in this season

Key:

* NCAA Provisional

! NCAA Automatic

& Minnesota School Record

@ Field House Record

^ Big Ten Record

\$ Personal Best

U of M Freshman Record

% competed unattached

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UNDER CONSIDERATION: Four Golden Gophers have already made consideration performances for the NCAA Indoor Championships, March 13-14, in Indianapolis, Ind. Sophomore **STAFFAN STRAND** (Uppsland-Vasby, Sweden) automatically qualified with his record-breaking high jump of 7-6 1/2 (2.30m) at the Minnesota Invitational, while junior **VESA RANTANEN** (Virrat, Finland) vaulted an NCAA consideration height of 17-4 3/4 (5.30m) at the Badger Track Classic (1/10) and senior **CHAD YENCHESKY** (DePere, Wis.) threw a career-best and NCAA consideration shot put of 59-4 1/4 (18.08m) for first place at the Minnesota Invitational. **NILES DENEEN** was the latest the Golden Gopher to provisionally qualify for the NAAs with his record time of 7.31 in the 55-meter hurdles.

LATEST RANKINGS: Minnesota is 13th in the nation according to *Trackwire's* latest top 25 poll posted January 29. Arkansas leads the pack, while the only other Big Ten school, Michigan, is tied for fifth.

WRESTLING

THIS WEEK: The third-ranked Golden Gophers (14-1, 1-1 Big Ten) head east to take on the fourth-ranked Penn State Nittany Lions (12-3, 5-1 Big Ten) and the Ohio State Buckeyes (10-8-1, 1-3 Big Ten) in dual meets Friday, Feb. 6, at 7:30 p.m. in University Park, Pa., and Sunday, Feb. 8, at 2 p.m. in Columbus, Ohio. Minnesota is looking to start another winning streak after picking up its first Big Ten win, defeating the Wisconsin Badgers 25-11 last Saturday in Madison, Wis.

IN THE SERIES: Penn State holds a 5-3 advantage in the series with Minnesota, however, the Golden Gophers have won the last three meetings. Last season, Minnesota picked up two wins over the Nittany Lions at the National Duals and defeated Penn State again 28-7 at the Sports Pavilion Feb. 9. The Golden Gophers lead the series with the Buckeyes 27-10-3 and have won the last four meetings. Most recently, Minnesota downed Ohio State 23-16 in the Sports Pavilion on Feb. 23, 1997, to end the regular season.

PROBABLE LINEUP VS. PENN STATE AND OHIO STATE

- 118 — **BRETT LAWRENCE** (Fr., Sandpoint, Idaho)
- 126 — **PAT CONNORS** (Jr., Longview, Wash.) -OR- **BART GOLYER** (So., Cedar, Minn.)
- 134 — **TROY MARR** (Jr., Wyoming, Minn.)

- 142 — **JASON DAVIDS** (Sr., Forest Lake, Minn.)
- 150 — **CHAD KRAFT** (Jr., Lakefield, Minn.) -OR- **BRAD PIKE** (Fr., Brownsdale, Minn.)
- 158 — **JOSH HOLIDAY** (Jr., Anaheim, Calif.)
- 167 — **ZAC TAYLOR** (Sr., Sandpoint, Idaho) -OR- **DELANEY BERGER** (So., Mandan, N.D.)
- 177 — **BRANDON EGGUM** (So., Sidney, Mont.)
- 190 — **TIM HARTUNG** (Jr., Durand, Wis.)
- Hwt — **SHELTON BENJAMIN** (Sr., Orangeburg, S.C.)



NO. 3 GOPHERS DEFEAT BADGERS

25-11: The No. 3 Golden Gopher wrestling team used technical falls from senior **JASON DAVIDS** and junior **TIM HARTUNG** to defeat the Wisconsin Badgers 25-11 late Saturday night in Madison, Wis., to gain Minnesota's first Big Ten win of the season.

Dauids, ranked No. 3 in the nation at 142 pounds, improved to 24-1 on the season with his 19-3 victory over UW's Dusty Coufal in just 3:38. Hartung, the nation's second-ranked wrestler at 190, scored four near falls in his 18-0 victory over Wisconsin's Joe Terrill. Junior Chad Kraft, ranked No. 1 at 150 pounds, remained unbeaten on the season with a 10-5 victory over UW's Cory Wallman at 158 pounds to improve to 14-0 on the year.

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SCOREBOARD

TOP INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

Wt.	Name	Overall	Total	Dual	Big Ten	Pins
118	Brett Lawrence	15-6	15-6	10-5	1-1	3
	Leroy Vega	11-2	11-2	0-0	0-0	1
	Julio Alaniz	6-4	6-4	0-0	0-0	0
126	Bart Golyer	17-3	16-2	6-1	0-1	3
	Pat Connors	17-4	9-4	5-3	1-0	4
134	Chad Erikson	11-3	11-3	0-0	0-0	3
	Ty Friederichs	11-7	11-7	0-0	0-0	1
	Pat Connors		8-0	4-0	0-0	3
	Bart Golyer		1-1	1-1	0-0	0
	Josh Krebs	11-6	11-6	2-1	0-0	3
	Troy Marr	22-5	8-3	4-2	1-1	2
142	Jason Davids	24-1	24-1	14-1	1-1	13
	Joe Calavitta	8-2	8-2	0-0	0-0	2
	Troy Marr		14-1	0-0	0-0	0
150	Chad Kraft	14-0	13-0	12-0	1-0	2
	Brad Pike	15-5	0-2	0-1	3	
	Eddie Pak	5-6	5-6	0-0	0-0	0
	Troy Marr		0-1	0-1	0-0	0
158	Tim Kinsella	13-2	13-2	1-0	0-0	1
	Jesse Krebs	6-5	6-5	0-1	0-0	0
	Josh Holiday	20-1	20-1	11-1	1-0	4
	Chad Kraft		1-0	1-0	1-0	0
167	Delaney Berger	15-1	15-1	2-0	0-0	2
	Zac Taylor	22-4	22-4	10-3	0-2	7
	Mike Cuperus	14-2	14-2	0-0	0-0	5
	Matt Kraft	6-2	6-2	0-0	0-0	0
177	Brandon Eggum	22-1	22-1	13-1	1-1	6
	Kenneth Howard	3-3	3-3	0-0	0-0	1
190	Tim Hartung	22-1	22-1	14-1	2-0	15
	Owen Elzen	7-4	7-4	0-0	0-0	4
HWT	Shelton Benjamin	22-4	22-4	10-3	1-1	7
	Brent Boeshans	13-4	13-4	2-0	0-0	1

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No. 3 Minnesota 25, Wisconsin 11

Saturday, Jan. 31, 1998 • Madison, Wis.

- 118 - No. 20 Brett Lawrence (UM) dec. Brian Slater (UW) 4-1
 - 126 - No. 3 Eric Jetton (UW) tech. fall Bart Golyer (UM) 23-7, 6:54
 - 134 - No. 5 Troy Marr (UM) dec. Grant Hoerr (UW) 8-6
 - 142 - No. 3 Jason Davids (UM) tech. fall Dusty Coufal (UW) 19-3, 3:38
 - 150 - No. 18 Don Pritzlaff (UW) dec. Brad Pike (UM) 6-3
 - 158 - No. 1 Chad Kraft* (UM) dec. Cory Wallman (UW) 10-5
 - 167 - No. 9 Kole Clauson (UW) dec. No. 5 Zac Taylor (UM) 5-4
 - 177 - No. 7 Brandon Eggum (UM) dec. Steve Alf (UW) 8-2
 - 190 - No. 2 Tim Hartung (UM) tech. fall Joe Terrill (UW) 18-0, 5:39
 - Hwt - No. 7 Shelton Benjamin (UM) dec. No. 16 Aaron Stark* (UW) 9-4
- * Note: Kraft is ranked No. 1 in the nation at 150 pounds, and Stark is ranked 16th at 190.

WRESTLING

MINNESOTA SETS SCHOOL MARK FOR

ATTENDANCE: The Golden Gophers set a school record this year when 11,284 fans turned out to watch Iowa defeat Minnesota 20-12 on Jan. 23. The attendance mark surpasses the old record set Feb. 3, 1980, when 9,225 fans watched Iowa State defeat the Golden Gophers 19-18 at Williams Arena. The NCAA record for attendance at a dual meet was set Feb. 22, 1992, when 15,291 fans watched Iowa defeat Iowa State 29-8 at Carver-Hawkeye Arena in Iowa City.

ROAD WARRIORS: The Golden Gophers have won six dual meets on the road this season, most recently defeating the Wisconsin Badgers 25-11 in Madison, Wis., Jan. 31. In addition, the Golden Gophers won two duals at Jackson (Minn.) High School and four at the National Duals in Iowa City for a grand total of 12 dual meets won in places other than Minneapolis this season.

MINNESOTA SLIPS TO THIRD IN NATIONAL

POLLS: The Golden Gopher wrestling team slipped to third in the January 29 National Wrestling Coaches Association/*Amateur Wrestling News* rankings after holding the No. 2 spot for three weeks. The Golden Gophers started the season in third and moved to second in the Jan. 8 ranking before slipping back to third this week.

SEVEN 20-MATCH WINNERS IN LINEUP:

Seven Golden Gophers in the starting lineup have won at least 20 matches this season. Senior **JASON DAVIDS** (142) leads the team with a 24-1 record. Five wrestlers are tied with 22 wins in junior **TROY MARR** (134) at 22-5, senior **ZAC TAYLOR** (167) at 22-4, sophomore **BRANDON EGGUM** (177) at 22-1, junior **TIM HARTUNG** (190) at 22-1 and senior **SHELTON BENJAMIN** (HWT) at 22-4. Junior **JOSH HOLIDAY** is Minnesota's other 20-match winner with a 20-1 record on the season.

LATEST INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS:

Individually, two-time All-American **CHAD KRAFT** is the top-ranked wrestler in the nation at 150 pounds in the Jan. 29 InterMat/*W.I.N.* rankings. Defending Big Ten champion and 1997 All-American **TIM HARTUNG** is ranked second at 190. Senior **JASON DAVIDS** slipped to third at 142 pounds after holding the top spot all season.

Other ranked Minnesota wrestlers include junior **TROY MARR** who is the fifth-ranked wrestler at 134, senior **ZAC TAYLOR** who is ranked fifth at 167, senior All-American **SHELTON BENJAMIN** who is seventh at heavyweight, sophomore **BRANDON EGGUM** who is seventh at 177 pounds, junior **JOSH HOLIDAY** who is 10th at 158 pounds and junior All-American **PAT CONNORS** who is 11th at 126. Freshman **BRETT LAWRENCE** made his first appearance in the rankings on Jan. 2 and is currently listed as the nation's 20th-ranked wrestler at 118 pounds.

IN THE CONFERENCE: Ten Minnesota wrestlers are ranked in the Jan. 19 Big Ten Conference Wrestling Coaches poll, including two athletes who are ranked No. 1 in their weight

class. No other Big Ten school had all 10 of its starters listed in the poll.

Senior **JASON DAVIDS** is ranked No. 1 at 142 pounds by the coaches, and junior **CHAD KRAFT** is No. 1 at 150 pounds. Davids and Kraft, both two-time All-Americans, are also both ranked No. 1 in the nation at their respective weights.

Other ranked Minnesota wrestlers include freshman **BRETT LAWRENCE**, who is tied for fifth at 118 pounds; junior **PAT CONNORS**, fourth at 126; junior **TROY MARR**, third at 134; junior **JOSH HOLIDAY**, second at 158 pounds; senior **ZAC TAYLOR**, fourth at 167; sophomore **BRANDON EGGUM**, third at 177; junior **TIM HARTUNG**, second at 190; and senior **SHELTON BENJAMIN**, second at heavyweight.

HOLDING THEM SCORELESS: Minnesota's 49-0 victory over two-time NAIA national champion Missouri Valley College Saturday at the National Duals marked the team's fifth shutout of the season. Minnesota's other shutouts came against Mankato State (38-0), Truman State (57-0), Augustana (53-0) and San Francisco State (46-0). The Golden Gophers have lost only one match in three other duals this season (Fresno State 45-3, Nebraska 43-3, West Virginia 33-3).

PIN CITY: Through 15 dual meets this season, Minnesota's wrestlers have won 38 matches by pinning their opponents, including **SHELTON BENJAMIN'S** dramatic fall in 2:16 over Iowa's Wes Hand to give Minnesota its National Duals title. Minnesota recorded a remarkable eight wins by fall in a 57-0 win over Truman State on Dec. 5, 1997. Last year through 15 duals, Minnesota had only recorded 19 match wins by pin.

Junior **TIM HARTUNG** is the team leader with eight pins in dual meets. Senior **JASON DAVIDS** is second with six. Hartung is also the overall team leader with 15 pins overall, and Davids is second with 13.



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THIS WEEK IN GOPHER SPORTS

Thurs., Feb. 12

☐ **Basketball** at Iowa
 Iowa City, Iowa
 ESPN (live)
 WCCO-AM (830)
 6:30 p.m.

Fri., Feb. 13

☐ **Gymnastics** at Michigan State
 East Lansing, Mich.
 7 p.m.

☐ **Track/Field** at Husker Invitational
 Lincoln, Neb.
 All Day

☐ **Wrestling** vs. Michigan State
 Sports Pavilion
 MSC (live)
 7:30 p.m.

Sat., Feb. 14

☐ **Basketball** at Michigan State
 East Lansing, Mich.
 MSC (live)
 WCCO-AM (830)
 7 p.m.

☐ **Gymnastics** at Michigan
 Ann Arbor, Mich.
 2 p.m.

Sat., Feb. 14

☐ **Hockey** at North Dakota
 Grand Forks, N.D.
 MSC (live)
 KSTP-AM (1500)
 2:05 p.m.

☐ **Tennis** at Kansas
 Lawrence, Kan.
 6:30 p.m.

☐ **Wrestling** vs. Michigan
 Sports Pavilion
 7:30 p.m.

Sun., Feb. 15

☐ **Baseball** vs. Nebraska
 Metrodome
 7 p.m.

☐ **Hockey** at North Dakota
 Grand Forks, N.D.
 MSC (live)
 KSTP-AM (1500)
 2:05 p.m.

Mon., Feb. 16

☐ **Golf** at Bridges All-American
 Bay St. Louis, Miss.
 All Day

WEEKLY RELEASES

The University of Minnesota Men's Media Relations Office will be producing five separate releases during the 1997-98 academic year. Football, basketball, hockey and baseball information will be covered in sport-specific weekly releases, while information on "Olympic Sports" will appear each Monday in this release. Please refer any questions to the Men's Media Relations office at (612) 625-4090.

GOPHER HOTLINE

The Golden Gopher Hotline features daily interviews with players and coaches. It is available to the media 24 hours a day by calling (612) 625-7887. The hotline is broadcast quality and is changed by noon each day. This service is for media use only. The schedule for this week is as follows:

Tuesday, February 10:
 Head Minnesota Basketball Coach **CLEM HASKINS'** weekly press conference

Wednesday, February 11:
 Head Hockey Coach **DOUG WOOG** previews the North Dakota series.

Thursday, February 12:
 Junior wrestler **TIM HARTUNG** previews weekend home duals against Michigan State and Michigan.

Friday, February 13:
 Senior goaltender **STEVE DeBUS** previews the North Dakota series.

Saturday and Sunday, February 14-15:
 Head Golf Coach **JOHN MEANS** previews the Bridges All-American Intercollegiate and start of the winter schedule.

GOLF

THIS WEEK: The Golden Gopher men's golf team tees off its winter schedule at the Bridges All-American Intercollegiate in Bay St. Louis, Miss., Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 16-17.

The event is hosted by Southern Mississippi at the Bridges Golf Resort at Casino Magic. Eighteen teams will be in attendance, while four of those 18 sit among the nation's current top 20.

Monday will feature 36 holes of play followed by 18 on Tuesday. The final round will begin at 7 a.m. Tuesday.

ABOUT THE COURSE: The Bridges Golf Resort course was designed by Arnold Palmer and is in its second year of operation. The course spans 7,059 yards and is a par 72.

PROJECTED LINEUP: The following five players will be competing for the Golden Gophers: (Each player was selected based on his score and play at the Alumni Challenge in Phoenix, Ariz., Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 7-8)

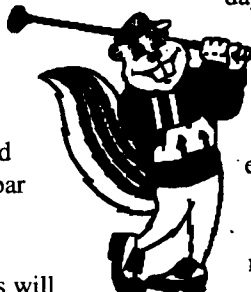
ROB KERR (Sr., Pointe Claire, Quebec)

MARTIN LeMESURIER (So., South Hampton, England)

BILL THOMPSON (Jr., Wayzata, Minn.)

ANDY KOMOR (Jr., New Brighton, Minn.)

ADAM DOOLEY (Jr., Albany, Minn.)



LAST YEAR AT THE BRIDGES ALL-AMERICAN:

ROB KERR and **MARTIN LeMESURIER** led the Golden Gophers to a fourth-place finish at last season's Bridges All-American Intercollegiate in Hattiesburg, Miss., March 4. LeMesurier shot a 70 in the final round to finish fifth on the leaderboard with a three-round score of 212. Kerr fired a 74 in the final round, finishing 10th with a 54-hole total of 216.

As a team Minnesota, scored a three-round total of 875, 26 strokes off winner Oklahoma State's score. **ANDY KOMOR**, who will be back at the Bridges All-American this season, shot a 231 in the two-day tournament. Neither **ADAM DOOLEY** nor **BILL THOMPSON**, who will compete this year, participated at last season's tournament.

RANKINGS: Minnesota began the season ranked eighth in the country according to the MasterCard Collegiate Golf Rankings. Throughout the fall, the Golden Gophers dropped to ninth before holding at 33rd in the last poll released December 10.

The Golden Gophers are second in District 4 heading into the winter, while **ROB KERR** is the highest-rated Minnesota player in the nation at 44th.

SCOREBOARD

TOP FIVE GOLFERS FROM THE FALL SCHEDULE

	TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
1. Rob Kerr	ReliaStar Collegiate Invite	70/68/71	216	209/1st out of 65
Sept. 14-15	Northern Collegiate Invite	74/65/71	216	210/1st out of 90
Sept. 27-28	Nike Northwest Classic	75/76/75	216	226/T56th out of 110
Oct. 6-7	Coca-Cola Classic	73/79/70	216	222/T19th out of 111
Oct. 10-11	Fall Rounds: 12	Strokes: 867	Average: 72.3	
2. Bill Thompson	ReliaStar Collegiate Invite	71/73/71	216	215/T6th out of 65
Sept. 14-15	Northern Collegiate Invite	76/72/75	216	223/T18th out of 90
Sept. 27-28	Nike Northwest Classic	72/74/71	216	217/T10th out of 110
Oct. 6-7	Coca-Cola Classic	71/73/76	216	220/T13th out of 111
Oct. 10-11	Fall Rounds: 12	Strokes: 875	Average: 72.9	
3. M. Le Mesurier	ReliaStar Collegiate Invite	78/74/70	216	222/T32nd out of 65
Sept. 14-15	Northern Collegiate Invite	72/78/73	216	223/T18th out of 90
Sept. 27-28	Nike Northwest Classic	79/73/75	216	227/T59th out of 110
Oct. 6-7	Coca-Cola Classic	72/74/73	216	219/12th out of 111
Oct. 10-11	Fall Rounds: 12	Strokes: 891	Average: 74.3	
4. Jeff Barney	ReliaStar Collegiate Invite	71/73/70	216	214/T4th out of 65
Sept. 14-15	Northern Collegiate Invite	79/78/75	216	232/T53rd out of 90
Sept. 27-28	Nike Northwest Classic	78/76/74	216	228/T70th out of 110
Oct. 6-7	Fall Rounds: 9	Strokes: 674	Average: 74.9	
5. Andy Komor	ReliaStar Collegiate Invite	72/71/72	216	215/T6th out of 65
Sept. 14-15	Northern Collegiate Invite	74/73/76	216	233/T18th out of 90
Sept. 27-28	Nike Northwest Classic	76/79/82	216	237/T99th out of 110
Oct. 6-7	Fall Rounds: 9	Strokes: 674	Average: 74.9	

GOPHER FLASHES

1998 MEN'S GOLF SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Site/Result
Feb. 6-7	Alumni Challenge	No Scores Were Kept
Feb. 15-16	Bridges All-America	Bay St. Louis, Mo.
Feb. 23-24	Puerto Rico Challenge	Rio Mar, Puerto Rico
March 23-24	Georgia Tech Invitational	Atlanta, Ga.
March 28-29	Dr. Pepper Intercollegiate	Denton, Texas
April 10-11	Marshall Invitational	Huntington, W.V.
April 25-26	King Cobra Firestone	Akron, Ohio
May 2-3	Wolverine Invitational	Ann Arbor, Mich.
May 8-10	Big Ten Championships	East Lansing, Mich.
May 13-15	NCAA Central Regionals	TBA
May 24-30	NCAA Championships	Albuquerque, N.M.

GYMNASTICS

THIS WEEK: The No. 17 Golden Gophers travel to the state of Michigan for a pair of dual meets this weekend. On Friday, Feb. 13, Minnesota faces No. 7 Michigan State at 7:00 p.m. The Golden Gophers then travel to Ann Arbor, Saturday, for a matchup with No. 10 Michigan.

LAST ACTION: Minnesota lost to the third-ranked Illinois Fighting Illini 221.070-216.550, Feb. 7, at the Sports Pavilion. Michigan State was defeated by No. 5 Penn State 227.125-225.000, Feb. 7, in University Park, Pa. The Michigan Wolverines lost to the Illini 226.975-223.05 in Champaign, Ill., Jan. 31.

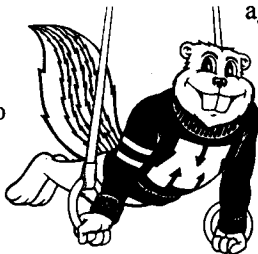
FLASHBACK: Last season, Minnesota swept Michigan and Michigan State in a triple dual at the Sports Pavilion, Feb. 8. The Golden Gophers lead the all-time series with the Spartans 27-21 and the Wolverines 26-22.

INJURY FRONT: The Golden Gophers have been slowed by a rash of injuries to key contributors. **DAN BOOTS** (Jr., Pearland, Texas), **TODD GUILBEAU** (Fr., Houston, Texas) and **BOB HUBBARD** (Sr., Phoenix, Ariz.) have been unable to compete at all this year and their chance for a return this season appear highly doubtful.

HAS A RING TO IT: Sophomore **RYAN WINTERBOURNE's** (Anaheim, Calif) previous career-best on the still rings was a 8.650 against Ohio State, Jan. 31. Against

Illinois, Winterbourne exploded with a 9.500 to capture the event title. The 9.500 is the highest score on the still rings posted by a Golden Gopher this season.

BEATTY SHINES: Senior co-captain **GEORGE BEATTY** (Aberdeen, N.J.) tied his career-high on the pommel horse and captured the event title with a 9.750 against Illinois, Feb. 7. On the season, Beatty is ranked 14th in the country on the pommel horse. Teammate **JASON KROB** (St. Charles, Mo.), ranked fourth in the country, finished second behind Beatty against Illinois, with a 9.650.



ALL-AROUND GUY: Sophomore **LINDSEY FANG** (Allentown, Pa.) has been the only Golden Gopher to compete in the all-around competition this season. Against Illinois, Fang finished second in the all-around with a score of 54.500, and took third on the vault with a 9.300. He is currently ranked ninth in the country in that event.

COACH ROETHLISBERGER: Head Coach Fred Roethlisberger is in his 27th year at the helm of the University of Minnesota Gymnastics program. Roethlisberger has led his team to 11 Big Ten Championships during his tenure and has a 170-70-1 (.713) career record.

SCOREBOARD

1998 MEN'S GYMNASTICS SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Site/Result
Jan. 10	Alumni Meet	* L 213.90-221.85
Jan. 17	Windy City Invitational	7th/213.85
Jan. 31	Ohio State	L 217.95-226.35
Feb. 7	Illinois	L 221.070-216.550
Feb. 13	Michigan State	East Lansing, Mich.
Feb. 14	Michigan	Ann Arbor, Mich.
Feb. 27	Nebraska	Sports Pavilion
Mar. 1	Iowa	Sport Pavilion
Mar. 7	Illinois-Chicago	Sports Pavilion
Mar. 20-21	Big Ten Championships	Ann Arbor, Mich.
April 4	NCAA East Regionals	Amherst, Mass.
April 16-18	NCAA Championships	University Park, Pa.

*Exhibition

GOPHER FLASHES

NEXT HOME ACTION: The Golden Gophers return home to the Sports Pavilion for a matchup with No. 9 Nebraska, Feb. 27. The dual with the Cornhuskers is the first of three in a row at home. On March 1, the second-ranked Iowa Hawkeyes travel north to Minneapolis for a dual. No. 11 Illinois-Chicago will be Minnesota's final regular season opponent before the Big Ten Championships, March 7.

BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS: Minnesota finished fourth at the 1997 Big Ten Championships. This season, the University of Michigan will host the event in Ann Arbor, Mich., March 20-21. The Golden Gophers last won the Big Ten Championship in 1995 led by current assistant coach Brian Yee. Yee, an All-American selection that year, finished second in the all-around and went on to finish 7th at the NCAA Championships.

NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS: The Golden Gophers are looking to get back to the NCAA Championships in University Park, Pa., April 16-18, for the first time since 1993. The NCAA East Regionals are set for April 4 in Amherst, Mass.

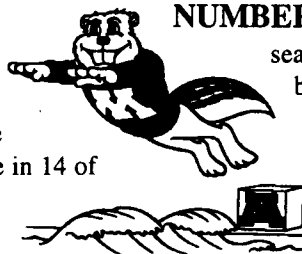
SWIMMING & DIVING

THIS WEEK: The Golden Gophers (7-1 overall, 3-1 Big Ten) are idle until hosting the Big Ten Championships, Thursday through Saturday, Feb. 26-28.

MASTER MASSURA: Freshman **ALEX MASSURA** (Belo Horizonte, Brazil) is the only Golden Gopher to swim across all disciplines: freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly and the individual medley. Short of getting on the diving board, the 1996 Olympian has led the Maroon and Gold swimming in eight different stroke categories. A specialist in the sprint free and backstroke, he has garnered first place in 14 of the 20 events he has swam in. Massura also joins the Golden Gophers' top 800-yard and 400-yard freestyle relay and the 400-yard medley relay.

He has been the Golden Gophers' best swimmer since the start of the new year.

DIVER DAN: Another impressive freshman, diver **DAN CROASTON** (Champlin, Minn.), has quietly made a big splash. Croaston has won EVERY event he has competed in except one. At the Nebraska Triangular, Croaston finished fourth on the 1-meter springboard, but rebounded to post an NCAA diving standard score of 336.75 (six dives) on the 3-meter springboard. At that meet, Croaston ousted two divers who finished in the top eight of the NCAA Championships on the 3-meter springboard.



HIGH FLYIN': Junior butterfly specialist **MARTIN ZIELINSKI** (Bloomington, Minn.) has turned on the jets to close out the season. Zielinski captured the 100-yard butterfly with an NCAA consideration time of 48.46, Saturday at the Triple Duals. It was his best time in the event this season. Zielinski leads the Big Ten top times list in the 100-yard butterfly and is among the top 10 in the 100-yard backstroke and 200-yard butterfly.

NUMBER CRUNCHING: In its eight dual meets this season, Minnesota has been out scoring its opponents by an average of 76 points. The latest point differentials included a 219-116 drubbing of Wisconsin and 194-154 defeat of Purdue at the Triple Duals (1/30-31).

CHALLENGING THE OPPOSITION: The Golden Gophers dominated the Minnesota Challenge Friday and Saturday, Feb. 6-7 at the U of M Aquatic Center. The meet was the final tune up for the Big Ten Championships. Minnesota won 15 of the 16 events the team participated in, when **ALEX MASSURA**, **MARTIN ZIELINSKI**, and **JONO McLEOD** (Regina, Sask.) all were double event winners.

SCOREBOARD

OVERALL RECORD: 7-1; BIG TEN RECORD: 3-1
TOP INDIVIDUAL EVENT TIMES
(1997-98)

50 FREE — 20.16[^], Ty Bathurst (prelim, Minn. Invite)
100 FREE — 44.93[^], Alex Massura (split time, vs. UNC)
200 FREE — 1:39.52*, Alex Massura (1st, at Iowa)
500 FREE — 4:29.15, Bill Bishop (exb., Minn. Invite)
1000 FREE — 9:21.53, Bill Bishop (1st, vs. UNC)
1650 FREE — 15:29.78[^], Bill Bishop (1st, Minn. Invite)
100 BACK — 48.88[#][^], Alex Massura (1st, vs. UNC)
200 BACK — 1:45.53[#][^], Alex Massura (1st, Minn. Invite)
100 BREAST — 55.79[#][^], Ty Bathurst (1st, Minn. Invite)
200 BREAST — 2:03.90, Chris Wood (1st, vs. UNC)
100 FLY — 48.46[^], Martin Zielinski (1st, Triple Duals)
200 FLY — 1:49.80, Yoav Meiri (1st, Triple Duals)
200 IM — 1:51.40, Jono McLeod (1st, Minn. Invite)
400 IM — 3:56.77, Bill Bishop (1st, Minn. Invite)

* personal best

[^] NCAA consideration

! NCAA automatic

+ Minnesota Varsity Record

Minnesota Freshman Record

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HOW SWEEP IT IS: The 13th-ranked Golden Gophers have swept their last two triangular dual meets, making a favorable impression on the swimming and diving world. After dominating the Nebraska Triangular, Jan. 23-24, Minnesota followed with a 219-116 victory over Wisconsin and a 194-154 defeat of Purdue at the Triple Duals in Madison, Wis., Jan. 30-31. The U of M captured 10 of 19 events, including two of four relay races. Minnesota has won seven straight dual meets since suffering a loss to Iowa in its first meet of the year. The Golden Gophers have also won every invitational they have competed in.

RANKINGS: Minnesota is ranked 13th in the nation for the second straight poll according to the CSCAA Speedo America Top 25 Poll (Jan. 29). The highest the Golden Gophers have been ranked is 12th when the poll debuted November 13.

TENNIS

THIS WEEK: Minnesota travels to Lawrence, Kan., to face 24th-ranked Kansas, Saturday, Feb. 14 at 6:30 p.m. The Maroon and Gold are coming off play at the Big Ten Singles Championships, Saturday through Monday, Jan. 24-26, in East Lansing, Mich.

BREAKING DOWN THE SERIES: Kansas and Minnesota will be breaking a deadlock in the all-time series this weekend as the Golden Gophers and Jayhawks are 5-5 when playing one another. The last time these two teams met, Kansas came away with a 7-0 victory in Minneapolis, February 15 of last season.

Kansas has won the last three meetings, with Minnesota's last win coming in 1993 when the Golden Gophers won 4-3 in Lawrence, Kan.

This match will be Minnesota's first big test of the season, as Kansas is listed among the nation's top 25. Kansas' doubles team of Enrique Abaroa and Xavier Avila are rated 12th in the nation, while Abaroa is the Jayhawks top-ranked singles player at No. 48.



carries a 13-8 record, while fellow Canadian countryman freshman **TYSON PARRY** (Chatham, Ontario) brings a 10-9 record to the court.

ON THE RECORD: Speaking of records, freshman **JON SVENSSON** (Kristianstad, Sweden) and junior **MARTIN KRISTOFFERSEN** (Portsgrunn, Norway) are the only two U of M players with undefeated dual match records. Svensson, the Golden Gophers' No. 6 singles player, is 3-0, with a win at No. 5 singles. Kristoffersen, seventh in the singles lineup, holds a 1-0 record following his win in the match against Ohio State,

Sunday, Jan. 18 at No. 6 singles. He also advanced to the finals of the Nos. 7 and 8 back draw, before pulling out of the Big Ten Singles Championships.

RANKINGS: The University of Minnesota is ranked No. 48 in the nation according to the ITA's fall rankings (Dec. 9). The next rankings will be available Feb. 9 and can be accessed through the internet at: www.tennisonline.com

DOUBLE FIGURES: Minnesota's starting lineup has four players with double digits in the win column. **TOM CHICOINE** (Neenah, Wis.) leads all Golden Gopher winning percentages with a 14-7 record, followed by freshman **JORGE DUENAS** (Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic) who holds a 14-8 record. **MARTIN MICHALOWSKI** (Ottawa, Ontario)

SCOREBOARD

Singles	Overall	Dual	Tourn.	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6
Tom Chicoine	14-7	1-2	13-5	1-2					
Adam Selkirk	5-10	1-1	4-9		1-1				
M. Michalowski	13-8	1-2	12-6		1-0	0-2			
Jorge Duenas	14-8	2-1	12-7			1-0	1-1		
Tyson Parry	10-9	2-1	8-8				0-1	2-0	
Jon Svensson	9-8	3-0	6-8					1-0	2-0
M. Kristoffersen	7-7	1-0	6-7						1-0
Ed Marques	2-8		2-8						
Voke Okoh	0-2		0-2						

Doubles	Overall	Dual	Tourn.	#1	#2	#3
Michalowski/Parry	12-5	1-2	11-3	1-2		
Chicoine/Duenas	7-7	2-1	5-6		2-1	
Selkirk/Svensson	6-3	2-0	4-3			2-0
Kris'ffsen/Svensson	3-1	1-0	2-1			1-0
Marques/Dvorak	1-1		1-1			
Marques/Okoh	1-1		1-1			

GOPHER FLASHES

MINNESOTA'S PROBABLE LINEUP AGAINST KANSAS

Singles

- No. 1 **TOM CHICOINE** (Jr., Neenah, Wis.)
- No. 2 **ADAM SELKIRK** (Jr., St. Joseph, Mo.)
- No. 3 **MARTIN MICHALOWSKI** (So., Ottawa, Ontario)
- No. 4 **JORGE DUENAS** (Fr., Sto. Domingo, Dominican Reb.)
- No. 5 **TYSON PARRY** (Fr., Chatham, Ontario)
- No. 6 **JON SVENSSON** (Fr., Kristianstad, Sweden)

Doubles

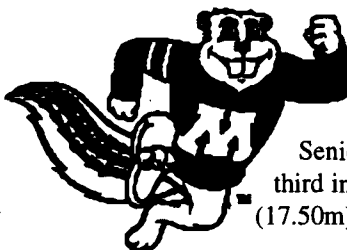
- No. 1 Michalowski/Parry
- No. 2 Chicoine/Duenas
- No. 3 Selkirk/Svensson

TRACK & FIELD

THIS WEEK: Thirteenth-ranked Minnesota will have its team compete in three separate track and field meets this week-end. Some athletes will be at the Husker Invitational, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 13-14, in Lincoln, Neb., while others will compete at the Husky Invitational in St. Cloud, Minn., Saturday, Feb. 14. Sophomore high jumper **STAFFAN STRAND** (Uppsland-Vasby, Sweden) will compete at the Millrose Games in New York, N.Y., Saturday, Feb. 14.

HONOR ROLL: Sophomore **STAFFAN STRAND** (Uppsland-Vasby, Sweden) was named the Big Ten Conference's Co-Athlete of the Month for his efforts during January. Strand earned the distinction after breaking his own school indoor record and setting a Big Ten record when he leapt 7-6 1/2 (2.30m) at the Minnesota Invitational, Jan. 24. The previous conference mark was 7-5 (2.26m) set by Strand in 1997, which placed him second at the NCAA Indoor Championships, and Paul Piwinski of Michigan State in 1983. In addition to breaking Minnesota's indoor record with the NCAA automatic qualifying jump, he smashed the Field House and Minnesota Invitational records by three inches. It is the highest leap in the nation among collegians this season, second currently in the world and seventh all-time on the collegiate list.

He shared the honor with Michigan's star distance runner,



Kevin Sullivan who set a Big Ten record with the nation's fastest 3,000-meter run.

FOUR-TUNATE: The University of Minnesota men's track and field team, led by senior **TYE HARVEY'S** (Jamestown, Calif.) first-place finish in the pole vault, scored four NCAA provisional standards at the Iowa State Classic, Feb. 6-7, in Ames, Iowa. Harvey vaulted 17 feet 8 1/2 inches (5.40m) to take Minnesota's only title at the meet.

Also scoring NCAA provisional performances were sophomore **STAFFAN STRAND**, who took fourth in the high jump (7-02.5; 2.19m), senior **NILES DENEEN**, who placed third in the 55-meter hurdles (7.33) and the Distance Medley Relay Team which finished fifth (9.48.09).

Senior **CHAD YENCHESKY** (DePere, Wis.) took third in the shot put with a distance of 57 feet 5 inches (17.50m).

SIGN OF THE TIMES: Thirty-two Minnesota performances are among the Big Ten's top 15 performances across 18 events. Two Golden Gopjers are aloft the conference competition. **NILES DENEEN** (St. Paul, Minn.) leads the Big Ten with his Minnesota school indoor record time of 7.31 in the 55-meter hurdles, while **STAFFAN STRAND's** 7-6 1/2 (2.30m) record-breaking high jump is tops in the conference.

Three Golden Gophers have the Big Ten's second-best performances.

SCOREBOARD

TOP INDOOR PERFORMANCES

55m Dash -- Fred Rodgers, 6.33 (1/31)
55m High Hurdles -- Niles Deneen, 7.31*&\$ (1/31)
600m Hurdles -- Yet to be competed in this season
200m Dash -- Steve Burkholder, 22.06 (2/7)
400m Dash -- Tom Gerding, 47.91\$# (2/7)
600m Dash -- Tom Gerding, 1:19.16# (1/24)
800m Run -- Jason Owen, 1:53.14 (2/7)
Mile Run -- Sami Valtonen, 4:06.58 (2/7)
3,000m Run -- Nate Clay, 8:30.27\$ (1/10)
5,000m Run -- Tony Riter, 14:50.4\$ (2/7)
High Jump -- Staffan Strand, 7-6 1/2 (2.30)!&@^\$ (1/24)
Pole Vault -- Tye Harvey, 17-8 (5.40m)* (2/7)
Long Jump -- Marcus Westberry, 2-7 1/4 (6.89m) (1/17)
Triple Jump -- Marcus Westberry, 49-0 1/4 (14.91) (1/17)
Shot Put -- Chad Yenchesky, 59-4 1/4 (18.08m)*\$ (1/24)
Weight Throw -- Ben Meyer, 52-00 1/2 (15.86m) (2/7)
Pentathlon -- Jesse Madsen%, 3,289 (1/24)
Heptathlon -- Yet to be competed in this season

Key:

* NCAA Provisional

! NCAA Automatic

& Minnesota School Record

@ Field House Record

^ Big Ten Record

\$ Personal Best

U of M Freshman Record

% competed unattached

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THIS IS HOW YOU DO IT: Assistant Track and Field Coach in charge of the distance runners **STEVE PLASENCIA** took second in the 5,000-meter run, competing unattached. Plasencia, *Runner's World's* top male master's runner for 1997, finished the race in 14:07.17. If Plasencia still had collegiate eligibility he would have provisionally qualified for the NCAA Championships.

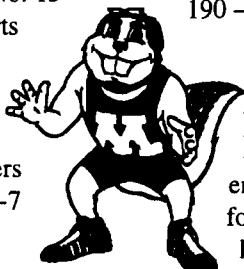
LATEST RANKINGS: Minnesota is 12th in the nation according to *Trackwire's* latest top 25 poll posted February 3. Arkansas leads the pack, while the only other Big Ten school in the poll, Michigan, is tied for seventh.

WRESTLING

THIS WEEK: The No. 3 Golden Gophers (15-2, 2-2 Big Ten) return home this weekend for a pair of dual meets against ranked Big Ten opponents from the state of Michigan. The Golden Gophers play host to No. 10 Michigan State on Friday night in a match that will be broadcast live on Midwest Sports Channel. The next evening, Minnesota will honor its three graduating seniors on "Senior Night" as the team battles No. 13 Michigan. Both matches start at 7:30 p.m. in the Sports Pavilion.

IN THE SERIES: Michigan State leads the all-time series with Minnesota 30-19. The Golden Gophers knocked off the Spartans earlier this season with a 31-7 victory in the semifinals of the Cliff Keen National Duals. In that match, Michigan State picked up wins at 118 and 126 pounds, but the Golden Gophers claimed every other weight class.

Michigan holds a 24-15-2 advantage in the series. The Wolverines won the last meeting between the two teams almost two years ago to the day, an 18-14 victory in the Sports Pavilion on Feb. 18, 1996. In 1995, the two teams battled to a 19-19 tie on Feb. 11 in Ann Arbor, Mich. The Golden Gophers' last win in the series came during their school-record 18-match winning streak in 1993-94, a 24-13 victory at the Sports Pavilion Feb. 11.



PROBABLE LINEUP VS. THIS WEEKEND

- 118 — **BRETT LAWRENCE** (Fr., Sandpoint, Idaho)
- 126 — **PAT CONNORS** (Jr., Longview, Wash.)
- 134 — **TROY MARR** (Jr., Wyoming, Minn.)
- 142 — **JASON DAVIDS** (Sr., Forest Lake, Minn.)
- 150 — **CHAD KRAFT** (Jr., Lakefield, Minn.)
- 158 — **JOSH HOLIDAY** (Jr., Anaheim, Calif.)
- 167 — **ZAC TAYLOR** (Sr., Sandpoint, Idaho)
- 177 — **DELANEY BERGER** (So., Mandan, N.D.)
- 190 — **TIM HARTUNG** (Jr., Durand, Wis.)
- Hwt — **SHELTON BENJAMIN** (Sr., Orangeburg, S.C.)

DOWN THE HOMESTRETCH: This weekend's dual meets mark the final home action of the season for the Golden Gophers. After this weekend, Minnesota hits the road for duals at Northwestern (2/20) and No. 11 Purdue (2/22) to conclude the regular season. The team will then travel to the Big Ten Championships in University Park, Pa., March 7-8, and the NCAA Championships in Cleveland, Ohio, March 19-21.

FOND FAREWELL: Saturday's match with Michigan will be the last home dual for Minnesota's three seniors: **SHELTON BENJAMIN**, **JASON DAVIDS** and **ZAC TAYLOR**.

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SCOREBOARD

Wt.	Name	TOP INDIVIDUAL RECORDS				
		Overall	Total	Dual	Big Ten	Pins
118	Brett Lawrence	16-7	16-7	11-6	2-2	3
	Leroy Vega	11-2	11-2	0-0	0-0	1
	Julio Alaniz	6-4	6-4	0-0	0-0	0
126	Bart Golyer	18-4	17-3	7-2	1-2	6
	Pat Connors	17-4	9-4	5-3	1-0	4
134	Chad Erikson	11-3	11-3	0-0	0-0	3
	Ty Friederichs	11-7	11-7	0-0	0-0	1
	Pat Connors		8-0	4-0	0-0	3
142	Bart Golyer		1-1	1-1	0-0	0
	Josh Krebs	11-6	11-6	2-1	0-0	3
	Troy Marr	24-5	10-3	6-2	1-1	2
150	Jason Davids	25-2	25-2	15-2	2-2	14
	Joe Calavitta	8-2	8-2	0-0	0-0	2
	Troy Marr		14-1	0-0	0-0	0
158	Chad Kraft	15-1	14-1	13-1	2-1	2
	Brad Pike	15-5	15-5	0-2	0-1	3
	Eddie Pak	5-6	5-6	0-0	0-0	0
167	Troy Marr		0-1	0-1	0-0	0
	Tim Kinsella	13-2	13-2	1-0	0-0	1
	Jesse Krebs	6-5	6-5	0-1	0-0	0
177	Josh Holiday	21-2	21-2	12-2	2-1	4
	Chad Kraft		1-0	1-0	1-0	0
	Delaney Berger	15-1	15-1	2-0	0-0	2
190	Zac Taylor	23-5	23-5	11-4	1-3	7
	Mike Cuperus	14-2	14-2	0-0	0-0	5
	Matt Kraft	6-2	6-2	0-0	0-0	0
HWT	Brandon Eggum	22-2	22-2	14-2	1-2	6
	Kenneth Howard	3-3	3-3	0-0	0-0	1
HWT	Tim Hartung	24-1	24-1	16-1	4-0	16
	Owen Elzen	7-4	7-4	0-0	0-0	4
HWT	Shelton Benjamin	24-4	24-4	12-3	3-1	8
	Brent Boeshans	13-4	13-4	2-0	0-0	1

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No. 5 Penn State 21, No. 3 Minnesota 13

Fri., Feb. 6, 1998 — University Park, Pa.

- 118 - No. 8 Jeremy Hunter (PSU) pinned Brett Lawrence (UM), 6:06
- 126 - No. 7 Jason Betz (PSU) dec. Bart Golyer (UM) 4-2
- 134 - No. 5 Troy Marr (UM) dec. No. 19 Biff Walizer (PSU) 2-1 tiebreaker
- 142 - No. 7 Jamarr Billman (PSU) dec. No. 3 Jason Davids (UM) 9-3
- 150 - No. 3 Clint Musser (PSU) dec. No. 1 Chad Kraft (UM) 3-1
- 158 - No. 10 Josh Holiday (UM) dec. No. 6 John Lange (PSU) 7-2
- 167 - No. 8 Glenn Pritzlaff (PSU) dec. No. 6 Zac Taylor (UM) 7-2
- 177 - No. 13 Rob Neidlinger (PSU) dec. No. 7 Brandon Eggum (UM) 4-3
- 190 - No. 2 Tim Hartung (UM) maj. dec. Brett Calabretta (PSU) 16-5
- Hwt - No. 7 Shelton Benjamin (UM) dec. Mark Janus (PSU) 12-9

No. 3 Minnesota 34, Ohio State 9

Sun., Feb. 8, 1998 • Columbus, Ohio

- 118 - Brett Lawrence (UM) dec. Matt Fratta (OSU) 5-2
- 126 - Bart Golyer (UM) dec. Robbie Archer (OSU) 4-2
- 134 - No. 5 Troy Marr (UM) dec. Brian Baughman (OSU) 8-5
- 142 - No. 3 Jason Davids (UM) pinned Brian Roskovich (OSU) 4:54
- 150 - No. 1 Chad Kraft (UM) dec. Peter Rogers (OSU) 7-3
- 158 - Dan DiCesare (OSU) dec. No. 10 Josh Holiday (UM) 4-3 (2ot)
- 167 - No. 6 Zac Taylor (UM) major dec. Sean Salmon (OSU) 20-6
- 177 - Pat Feldman (OSU) won by forfeit
- 190 - No. 2 Tim Hartung (UM) pinned Donovan True (OSU) 1:36
- Hwt - No. 7 Shelton Benjamin (UM) pinned Matt Mondalek (OSU) 4:43

WRESTLING

NO. 3 GOPHERS SPLIT WEEKEND DUALS: The No. 3 Golden Gopher wrestling team went 1-1 last weekend on its trip east. Minnesota lost at No. 5 Penn State 21-13 Friday night but rebounded two days later with a commanding 34-9 victory at Columbus, Ohio, Sunday afternoon.

Against Penn State, junior **TIM HARTUNG** picked up his 23rd win of the season with a 16-5 major decision over Penn State's Brett Calabretta. Senior **SHELTON BENJAMIN** and juniors **TROY MARR** and **JOSH HOLIDAY** posted Minnesota's other wins in the meet in Bryce Jordan Center.

Minnesota used three pins and a major decision to defeat Ohio State 34-9 Sunday at French Field House in Columbus, Ohio. Minnesota lost only two matches, including a defeat in double overtime and a forfeit, to secure its 15th win.

Senior **JASON DAVIDS** and Hartung led Minnesota's attack. Davids, ranked No. 3 at 142 pounds, pinned Ohio State's Brian Roskovich in 4:54. Hartung, the nation's No. 2-ranked wrestler at 190 pounds, took only 1:36 to stick Ohio State's Donovan True. Hartung is the team leader in falls with 16 pins, and Davids is second with 14.

Benjamin posted his eighth pin of the year, downing Matt Mondalek in 4:43. Freshman **BRETT LAWRENCE**, juniors **BART GOLYER**, Marr and **CHAD KRAFT** and senior **ZAC TAYLOR** also notched wins in the effort.

MINNESOTA SETS SCHOOL MARK FOR

ATTENDANCE: The Golden Gophers set a school record this year when 11,284 fans turned out to watch Iowa defeat Minnesota 20-12 on Jan. 23. The attendance mark surpasses the old record set Feb. 3, 1980, when 9,225 fans watched Iowa State defeat the Golden Gophers 19-18 at Williams Arena. The NCAA record for attendance at a dual meet was set Feb. 22, 1992, when 15,291 fans watched Iowa defeat Iowa State 29-8 at Carver-Hawkeye Arena in Iowa City.

VS. RANKED OPPONENTS: The Golden Gophers have a 6-2 mark against ranked opponents heading into this weekend's matches with No. 10 Michigan State and No. 13 Michigan. Most recently, Minnesota knocked off No. 3 Iowa on Feb. 18 to win the National Duals.

ROAD WARRIORS: The Golden Gophers have won seven dual meets on the road this season, most recently defeating the Ohio State Buckeyes 34-9 in Columbus on Feb. 8. In addition, the Golden Gophers won two duals at Jackson (Minn.) High School and four at the National Duals in Iowa City for a grand total of 13 dual meets won in places other than Minneapolis this season.

MINNESOTA SLIPS TO THIRD IN NATIONAL

POLLS: The Golden Gopher wrestling team held onto third for the second week in the Feb. 5 NWCA/Amateur Wrestling News rankings after holding the No. 2 spot for three weeks before. The Golden Gophers started the season in third and moved to second in the Jan. 8 ranking before slipping to third two weeks ago.

SEVEN 20-MATCH WINNERS IN LINEUP: Seven Golden Gophers in the starting lineup have won at least 20 matches this season. Senior **JASON DAVIDS** (142) leads the team with a 25-2 record. Three wrestlers are tied with 24 wins in junior **TROY MARR** (134) at 24-5, junior **TIM HARTUNG** (190) at 24-1 and senior **SHELTON BENJAMIN** (HWT) at 24-4. Other 20-match winners include senior **ZAC TAYLOR** (167) at 23-5, sophomore **BRANDON EGGUM** (177) at 22-2 and junior **JOSH HOLIDAY** at 21-2.

LATEST RANKINGS: Individually, two-time All-American **CHAD KRAFT** is the top-ranked wrestler in in the nation at 150 pounds in the Feb. 4 Intermat/*W.I.N.* rankings. Defending Big Ten champion and 1997 All-American **TIM HARTUNG** is ranked second at 190. Senior **JASON DAVIDS** slipped to third at 142 pounds two weeks ago after holding the top spot all season.

Other ranked Minnesota wrestlers include junior **TROY MARR** who is the fifth-ranked wrestler at 134, senior **ZAC TAYLOR** who is ranked sixth at 167, senior All-American **SHELTON BENJAMIN** who is seventh at heavyweight, sophomore **BRANDON EGGUM** who is seventh at 177 pounds, junior All-American **PAT CONNORS** who is ninth at 126 and junior **JOSH HOLIDAY** who is 10th at 158 pounds.

IN THE CONFERENCE: Eight Minnesota wrestlers are ranked in the Feb. 2 Big Ten coaches poll, including two who are ranked No. 1 in their weight class.

Junior **CHAD KRAFT** has been ranked No. 1 at 150 pounds all season, and junior **TIM HARTUNG** moved into first last week after posting a sterling 4-0 mark in Big Ten dual-meet action.

Other ranked Minnesota wrestlers include senior **JASON DAVIDS**, second at 142; junior **TROY MARR**, fourth at 134; junior **JOSH HOLIDAY**, second at 158 pounds; senior **ZAC TAYLOR**, fourth at 167; sophomore **BRANDON EGGUM**, third at 177; and senior **SHELTON BENJAMIN**, tied for third at heavyweight.

HOLDING THEM SCORELESS: Minnesota's 49-0 victory over two-time NAIA national champion Missouri Valley College Saturday at the National Duals marked the team's fifth shutout of the season. Minnesota's other shutouts came against Mankato State (38-0), Truman State (57-0), Augustana (53-0) and San Francisco State (46-0). The Golden Gophers have lost only one match in three other duals this season (Fresno State 45-3, Nebraska 43-3, West Virginia 33-3).

PIN CITY: Through 17 dual meets this season, Minnesota's wrestlers have won 41 matches by pinning their opponents, including **SHELTON BENJAMIN'S** dramatic fall in 2:16 over Iowa's Wes Hand to give Minnesota its National Duals title. Minnesota recorded a remarkable eight wins by fall in a 57-0 win over Truman State on Dec. 5, 1997. Last year through 17 duals, Minnesota had only recorded 21 match wins by pin.

Junior **TIM HARTUNG** is the team leader with nine pins in dual meets. Senior **JASON DAVIDS** is second with seven. Hartung is also the overall team leader with 16 pins overall, and Davids is second with 14.



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THIS WEEK IN GOPHER SPORTS

Mon.-Tues., Feb. 16-17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Golf at Bridges All-American Bay St. Louis, Miss. All Day 	Sat., Feb. 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Baseball vs. San Diego State San Diego, Calif. 9 p.m. ☐ Hockey vs. Alaska-Anchorage Mariucci Arena MSC (live) KSTP-AM (1500) 7 p.m. ☐ Tennis at Iowa Iowa City, Iowa 11:30 a.m.
Wed., Feb. 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Basketball vs. Penn State Williams Arena MSC (live) WCCO-AM (830) 7 p.m. 	Sun., Feb. 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Wrestling at Purdue West Lafayette, Ind. Noon ☐ Golf at Puerto Rico Challenge Rio Mar, P.R. All Day
Fri., Feb. 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Baseball vs. Washington San Diego, Calif. Noon ☐ Hockey vs. Alaska-Anchorage Mariucci Arena KSTP-AM (1500) 7:35 p.m. ☐ Track/Field vs. Snowshoe Open U of M Field House 6 p.m. ☐ Wrestling at Northwestern Evanston, Ill. 7 p.m. 	Mon., Feb. 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Golf at Puerto Rico Challenge Rio Mar, P.R. All Day

WEEKLY RELEASES

The University of Minnesota Men's Media Relations Office will be producing five separate releases during the 1997-98 academic year. Football, basketball, hockey and baseball information will be covered in sport-specific weekly releases, while information on "Olympic Sports" will appear each Monday in this release. Please refer any questions to the Men's Media Relations office at (612) 625-4090.

GOPHER HOTLINE

The Golden Gopher Hotline features daily interviews with players and coaches. It is available to the media 24 hours a day by calling (612) 625-7887. The hotline is broadcast quality and is changed by noon each day. This service is for media use only. The schedule for this week is as follows:

- Tuesday, February 17:** Head Minnesota Basketball Coach CLEM HASKINS' weekly press conference
- Wednesday, February 18:** Head Hockey Coach DOUG WOOG previews the Alaska-Anchorage series.
- Thursday, February 19:** Head Minnesota Basketball Coach CLEM HASKINS' and Head Penn State Basketball Coach

- JERRY DUNN's** postgame comments
- Friday, February 20:** Senior hockey forward RYAN KRAFT previews the Alaska-Anchorage series.
- Saturday and Sunday, February 21-22:** Head Hockey Coach DOUG WOOG's Alaska-Anchorage postgame comments

GOLF

THIS WEEK: The Golden Gopher men's golf team tees off its winter schedule at the Bridges All-American Intercollegiate in Bay St. Louis, Miss., Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 16-17.

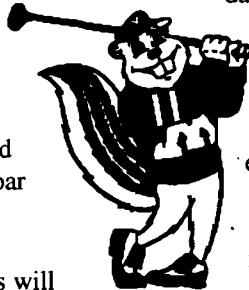
The event is hosted by Southern Mississippi at the Bridges Golf Resort at Casino Magic. Eighteen teams will be in attendance, while four of those 18 sit among the nation's current top 20.

Monday will feature 36 holes of play followed by 18 on Tuesday. The final round will begin at 7 a.m. Tuesday.

ABOUT THE COURSE: The Bridges Golf Resort course was designed by Arnold Palmer and is in its second year of operation. The course spans 7,059 yards and is a par 72.

PROJECTED LINEUP: The following five players will be competing for the Golden Gophers: (Each player was selected based on his score and play at the Alumni Challenge in Phoenix, Ariz., Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 7-8)

- ROB KERR** (Sr., Pointe Claire, Quebec)
- MARTIN LeMESURIER** (So., South Hampton, England)
- BILL THOMPSON** (Jr., Wayzata, Minn.)
- ANDY KOMOR** (Jr., New Brighton, Minn.)
- ADAM DOOLEY** (Jr., Albany, Minn.)



LAST YEAR AT THE BRIDGES ALL-AMERICAN:

ROB KERR and **MARTIN LeMESURIER** led the Golden Gophers to a fourth-place finish at last season's Bridges All-American Intercollegiate in Hattiesburg, Miss., March 4. LeMesurier shot a 70 in the final round to finish fifth on the leaderboard with a three-round score of 212. Kerr fired a 74 in the final round, finishing 10th with a 54-hole total of 216.

As a team Minnesota, scored a three-round total of 875, 26 strokes off winner Oklahoma State's score. **ANDY KOMOR**, who will be back at the Bridges All-American this season, shot a 231 in the two-day tournament. Neither **ADAM DOOLEY** nor **BILL THOMPSON**, who will compete this year, participated at last season's tournament.

RANKINGS: Minnesota began the season ranked eighth in the country according to the MasterCard Collegiate Golf Rankings. Throughout the fall, the Golden Gophers dropped to ninth before holding at 33rd in the last poll released December 10.

The Golden Gophers are second in District 4 heading into the winter, while **ROB KERR** is the highest-rated Minnesota player in the nation at 44th.

SCOREBOARD

TOP FIVE GOLFERS FROM THE FALL SCHEDULE

	TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
1. Rob Kerr	ReliaStar Collegiate Invite	70/68/71	216	209/1st out of 65
Sept. 14-15	Northern Collegiate Invite	74/65/71	216	210/1st out of 90
Sept. 27-28	Nike Northwest Classic	75/76/75	216	226/T56th out of 110
Oct. 6-7	Coca-Cola Classic	73/79/70	216	222/T19th out of 111
Oct. 10-11	Fall Rounds: 12	Strokes: 867	Average: 72.3	
2. Bill Thompson	ReliaStar Collegiate Invite	71/73/71	216	215/T6th out of 65
Sept. 14-15	Northern Collegiate Invite	76/72/75	216	223/T18th out of 90
Sept. 27-28	Nike Northwest Classic	72/74/71	216	217/T10th out of 110
Oct. 6-7	Coca-Cola Classic	71/73/76	216	220/T13th out of 111
Oct. 10-11	Fall Rounds: 12	Strokes: 875	Average: 72.9	
3. M. Le Mesurier	ReliaStar Collegiate Invite	78/74/70	216	222/T32nd out of 65
Sept. 14-15	Northern Collegiate Invite	72/78/73	216	223/T18th out of 90
Sept. 27-28	Nike Northwest Classic	79/73/75	216	227/T59th out of 110
Oct. 6-7	Coca-Cola Classic	72/74/73	216	219/12th out of 111
Oct. 10-11	Fall Rounds: 12	Strokes: 891	Average: 74.3	
4. Jeff Barney	ReliaStar Collegiate Invite	71/73/70	216	214/T4th out of 65
Sept. 14-15	Northern Collegiate Invite	79/78/75	216	232/T53rd out of 90
Sept. 27-28	Nike Northwest Classic	78/76/74	216	228/T70th out of 110
Oct. 6-7	Fall Rounds: 9	Strokes: 674	Average: 74.9	
5. Andy Komor	ReliaStar Collegiate Invite	72/71/72	216	215/T6th out of 65
Sept. 14-15	Northern Collegiate Invite	74/73/76	216	233/T18th out of 90
Sept. 27-28	Nike Northwest Classic	76/79/82	216	237/T99th out of 110
Oct. 6-7	Fall Rounds: 9	Strokes: 674	Average: 74.9	

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1998 MEN'S GOLF SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Site/Result
Feb. 6-7	Alumni Challenge	No Scores Were Kept
Feb. 15-16	Bridges All-America	Bay St. Louis, Mo.
Feb. 23-24	Puerto Rico Challenge	Rio Mar, Puerto Rico
March 23-24	Georgia Tech Invitational	Atlanta, Ga.
March 28-29	Dr. Pepper Intercollegiate	Denton, Texas
April 10-11	Marshall Invitational	Huntington, W.V.
April 25-26	King Cobra Firestone	Akron, Ohio
May 2-3	Wolverine Invitational	Ann Arbor, Mich.
May 8-10	Big Ten Championships	East Lansing, Mich.
May 13-15	NCAA Central Regionals	TBA
May 24-30	NCAA Championships	Albuquerque, N.M.

GYMNASTICS

THIS WEEK: The No. 17 Golden Gophers (0-4 overall and in the Big Ten) are idle this weekend.

LAST ACTION: Minnesota was defeated in a pair of dual meets by No. 8 Michigan State and No. 11 Michigan, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 13-14 in Michigan. The Spartans set a new school record with their 228.425 team points, while the Wolverines captured their first win of the season.

THE SILVER LINING: Despite still being on the hunt for the year's elusive first win, optimism remains for the rest of Minnesota's season. The Golden Gophers have improved on their team score in every dual meet this season. In light of injuries, Minnesota's youth contingent has stepped up. Seven out of the 11 gymnasts who posted scores in the Michigan dual are underclassmen.

INJURY FRONT: The Golden Gophers have been hampered by a rash of injuries to key contributors. **DAN BOOTS** (JR, Pearland, Texas), **TODD GUILBEAU** (FR, Houston, Texas) and **BOB HUBBARD** (SR, Phoenix, Ariz.) will remain sidelined the remainder of the season.

WINTER HEATING UP: Sophomore **RYAN WINTERBOURNE** (Anaheim, Calif) has been one of the young guys

developing quickly with all of the injuries. Winterbourne captured two third-place finishes against Michigan State. He followed up his team and career-high 9.500 on the still rings against Illinois with a 9.400 against the Spartans. Those two scores are the highest posted in that event by a Golden Gopher this season. Winterbourne also captured third place with a career-high 9.400 on the parallel bars.

LEADING THE WAY: Senior co-captain **GEORGE BEATTY** (Aberdeen, N.J.) continued his winning ways last weekend. Beatty captured two individual event titles against the University of Michigan. Beatty's 9.750 on the pommel horse was just enough to defeat teammate **JASON KROB** (St. Charles, Mo.) who scored a 9.725. Beatty and Krob are both ranked seventh in the country in that event. Beatty also captured the event title with a career-high tying 9.750 on the parallel bars.



COACH ROETHLISBERGER: Head Coach Fred Roethlisberger is in his 27th year at the helm of the University of Minnesota Gymnastics program. Roethlisberger has led his team to 11 Big Ten Championships during his tenure and has a 170-71-1 (.712) career record.

SCOREBOARD

1998 MEN'S GYMNASTICS SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Site/Result
Jan. 10	Alumni Meet	* L 213.90-221.85
Jan. 17	Windy City Invitational	7th/213.85
Jan. 31	Ohio State	L 217.95-226.35
Feb. 7	Illinois	L 221.070-216.550
Feb. 13	Michigan State	L 221.75-228.425
Feb. 14	Michigan	L 222.575-226.85
Feb. 27	Nebraska	Sports Pavilion
Mar. 1	Iowa	Sports Pavilion
Mar. 7	Illinois-Chicago	Sports Pavilion
Mar. 20-21	Big Ten Championships	Ann Arbor, Mich.
April 4	NCAA East Regionals	Amherst, Mass.
April 16-18	NCAA Championships	University Park, Pa.

*Exhibition

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NEXT HOME ACTION: The Golden Gophers return home to the Sports Pavilion for a matchup with No. 9 Nebraska, Feb. 27. The dual with the Cornhuskers is the first of three in a row at home. On March 1, the second-ranked Iowa Hawkeyes travel north to Minneapolis for a dual. No. 11 Illinois-Chicago will be Minnesota's final regular season opponent before the Big Ten Championships, March 7.

BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS: Minnesota finished fourth at the 1997 Big Ten Championships. This season, the University of Michigan will host the event in Ann Arbor, Mich., March 20-21. The Golden Gophers last won the Big Ten Championship in 1995 led by current assistant coach Brian Yee. Yee, an All-American selection that year, finished second in the all-around and went on to finish 7th at the NCAA Championships.

NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS: The Golden Gophers are looking to get back to the NCAA Championships in University Park, Pa., April 16-18, for the first time since 1993. The NCAA East Regionals are set for April 4 in Amherst, Mass.

TENNIS

THIS WEEK: The 48th-ranked Golden Gophers (3-1 overall; 1-0 Big Ten) head to Iowa City, Iowa for a dual match with the Iowa Hawkeyes Saturday, Feb. 21 at 11:30 a.m.

BREAKING DOWN THE SERIES: Minnesota leads the all-time series with Iowa 46-29, and has won the last six meetings. Iowa has not beaten Minnesota since 1991 when the Hawkeyes took thematch 5-4 in Bloomington, Minn.

FLASHBACK: Minnesota won the doubles point and four of six singles matches last season in a 5-2 win over Iowa in Rochester, Minn., last season. Junior **ADAM SELKIRK** (St. Joseph, Mo.) defeated Ulf Jentler at No. 3 singles 6-3, 6-4, while sophomore **MARTIN MICHALOWSKI** (Ottawa, Ontario) and junior **MARTIN KRISTOFFERSEN** (Portsgrunn, Norway) were victorious at Nos. 5 and 6 singles respectively.

UNDER PRESSURE: Freshman **TYSON PARRY** (Chatham, Ontario) proved he is ready to compete at the collegiate level after leading the Golden Gophers to a 4-3 upset of No. 24 Kansas Saturday, Feb. 14. Parry's No. 5 singles match was the decisive point for Minnesota who had won the doubles point against the Jayhawks and were down in the singles matches, 3-2. Whoever won at No. 5 would take the match. Fittingly it came down to two freshman, Parry and Jayhawk Ed Dus. Parry battled through the first set, taking it 7-6 with a 9-7 tie break.

Parry dropped the second set 5-7, but bounced back to win the third and final set 6-2.

DOUBLE FIGURES: Minnesota's starting lineup features five of its six singles players with double digits in the win column. **TOM CHICOINE** (Neenah, Wis.) carries a 14-8 record, followed by freshman **JORGE DUENAS** (Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic) who holds a 14-9 record. **MARTIN MICHALOWSKI** also carries a 14-8 record, while fellow Canadian countryman freshman **TYSON PARRY** (Chatham, Ontario) brings an 11-9 record to the court. Freshman **JON SVENSSON** (Kristianstad, Sweden) is 10-8.



ON THE RECORD: Speaking of records, freshmen **JON SVENSSON** and **TYSON PARRY** and junior **MARTIN KRISTOFFERSEN** are the only three U of M players with undefeated position dual match records. Svensson is 3-0 at No. 6 singles, and has one win at No. 5 singles. Kristoffersen, seventh in the singles lineup, holds a 1-0 record at No. 6 singles.

Parry carries a 3-0 record at No. 5 singles. Both Svensson and Kristoffersen have yet to lose a dual match this season.

ADAM SELKIRK and Svensson also have one of two undefeated doubles records. The pair is 3-0 in dual matches and have competed at No. 3 all season. Kristoffersen and Svensson are also unbeaten, posting a 1-0 record at No. 3 singles.

SCOREBOARD

Singles	Overall	Dual	Tourn.	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6
Tom Chicoine	14-8	1-3	13-5	1-3					
Adam Selkirk	5-11	1-2	4-9		1-2				
M. Michalowski	14-8	2-2	12-6		1-0	1-2			
Jorge Duenas	14-9	2-2	12-7			1-0	1-2		
Tyson Parry	11-9	3-1	8-8				0-1	3-0	
Jon Svensson	10-8	4-0	6-8					1-0	3-0
M. Kristoffersen	7-7	1-0	6-7						1-0
Ed Marques	2-8		2-8						
Voke Okoh	0-2		0-2						

Doubles	Overall	Dual	Tourn.	#1	#2	#3
Michalowski/Parry	12-6	1-3	11-3	1-3		
Chicoine/Duenas	8-7	3-1	5-6		3-1	
Selkirk/Svensson	7-3	3-0	4-3			3-0
Kris'ffsen/Svensson	3-1	1-0	2-1			1-0
Marques/Dvorak	1-1		1-1			
Marques/Okoh	1-1		1-1			

GOPHER FLASHES

AT THE STARTING GATE: The Golden Gophers have begun the 1998 season 3-1. It is the first time this team has been 3-1 to start the year since its fourth consecutive Big Ten Championship season in 1995, when Minnesota opened the year 3-1 and went on to win its next four straight matches. In fact, during the Golden Gophers' four conference championship seasons between 1992-1995, Minnesota started the season at least 3-1 through four matches every year except 1992. That year Golden Gophers were 1-2 before putting together an eight-match win streak. In 1993 the team started 12-0 before its first loss. In 1996 Minnesota was 0-4 after its first four matches and in 1997, the Golden Gophers were 1-3 to start.

MINNESOTA'S PROBABLE LINEUP AGAINST IOWA

Singles

- No. 1 **TOM CHICOINE** (Jr., Neenah, Wis.)
- No. 2 **ADAM SELKIRK** (Jr., St. Joseph, Mo.)
- No. 3 **MARTIN MICHALOWSKI** (So., Ottawa, Ontario)
- No. 4 **JORGE DUENAS** (Fr., Sto. Domingo, Dominican Reb.)
- No. 5 **TYSON PARRY** (Fr., Chatham, Ontatio)
- No. 6 **JON SVENSSON** (Fr., Kristianstad, Sweden)

Doubles

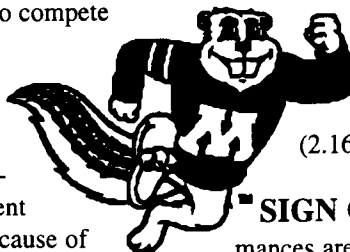
- No. 1 Michalowski/Parry
- No. 2 Chicoine/Duenas
- No. 3 Selkirk/Svensson

TRACK & FIELD

THIS WEEK: Eleventh-ranked Minnesota hosts the Snowshoe Open, Friday, Feb. 20 at 6 p.m. in the U of M Field House. It will be the Golden Gophers' final competition prior to the Big Ten Indoor Championships at West Lafayette, Ind., Feb. 28-29.

NEW YORK STATE OF MIND: Sophomore high jumper **STAFFAN STRAND** (Uppsland-Vasby, Sweden) had an impressive outing as the only Minnesota athlete to compete in the prestigious Chase Millrose Games at Madison Square Garden in New York, N.Y., Friday, Feb. 13. Strand tied for second place with Norway's Steiner Hoen, representing Asics, when he leaped 7-2 1/2 (2.20m). Nike representative Charles Lefrancois from Canada won the event with an indential height, but claimed the title because of fewer missed attempts throughout the competition.

SPLITTING SUCCESS: The Golden Gopher track and field team divided itself into thirds over the weekend of Feb. 13-14. Although all slices were not equal, the result was the same: success. Besides Strand's second-place finish at the Chase Millrose Games, four Minnesota track and field athletes took first place at the St. Cloud State Husky Invitational, Friday, Feb. 13, and three athletes scored NCAA provisional performances at the Husker Invitational in Lincoln, Neb., Friday and Saturday,



Feb. 13-14.

Taking first-place honors in St. Cloud, Minn., were freshmen **MARK FAHEY** (Scandia, Minn.) in the shot put (51-11 1/4, 15.83m), **BEN MEYER** in the 35-lb. weight throw (54-10; 16.71m) and sophomore **JOSH BRANG** (Winona, Minn.) who captured the 800-meter run (1:56.29). Junior **BENJAMIN JENSEN** (Mandal, Norway) also won the 60-meter hurdles in 9.03.

Senior hurdler **NILES DENEEN** (St. Paul, Minn.) led the Golden Gopher contingent in Nebraska, winning the 55-meter hurdles and tying his own school record with an NCAA provisional time of 7.31. The other two NCAA provisional qualifiers were junior high jumpers Wil Kurth and Tyler McCormick who placed in a tie for fifth with identical leaps of 7-01 (2.16m)

SIGN OF THE TIMES: Thirty Minnesota performances are among the Big Ten's top 15 performances across 18 events. Two Golden Gophers are aloft the conference competition. **NILES DENEEN** leads the Big Ten with his Minnesota school indoor record time of 7.31 in the 55-meter hurdles, while **STAFFAN STRAND's** 7-6 1/2 (2.30m) record-breaking high jump is tops in the conference.

Two Golden Gophers have the Big Ten's second-best performances.

SCOREBOARD

TOP INDOOR PERFORMANCES

55m Dash -- Fred Rodgers, 6.33 (1/31)
60m Dash -- Fred Rodgers, 6.53 (2/13)
55m Hurdles -- Niles Deneen, 7.31*&\$ (1/31, 2/13)
60m Hurdles -- Benjamin Jensen, 8.03 (2/13)
200m Dash -- Steve Burkholder, 22.06 (2/7)
400m Dash -- Tom Gerding, 47.91\$# (2/7)
500m Dash -- Adam Freed, 1:05.90 (2/13)
600m Dash -- Tom Gerding, 1:19.16# (1/24)
800m Run -- Jason Owen, 1:53.14 (2/7)
Mile Run -- Sami Valtonen, 4:06.58 (2/7)
3,000m Run -- Nate Clay, 8:30.27\$ (1/10)
5,000m Run -- Tony Riter, 14:50.4\$ (2/7)
High Jump -- Staffan Strand, 7-6 1/2 (2.30)!&@^\$ (1/24)
Pole Vault -- Tye Harvey, 17-8 (5.40m)* (2/7)
Long Jump -- Marcus Westberry, 2-7 1/4 (6.89m) (1/17)
Triple Jump -- Marcus Westberry, 49-0 1/4 (14.91) (1/17)
Shot Put -- Chad Yenchesky, 59-4 1/4 (18.08m)*\$ (1/24)
Weight Throw - Ben Meyer, 54-10 (16.71m) (2/13)
Pentathlon -- Jesse Madsen%, 3,289 (1/24)
Heptathlon -- Yet to be competed in this season

Key:

* NCAA Provisional

! NCAA Automatic

& Minnesota School Record

@ Field House Record

^ Big Ten Record

\$ Personal Best

U of M Freshman Record

GOPHER FLASHES

THIS IS HOW YOU DO IT: Assistant Track and Field Coach in charge of the distance runners **STEVE PLASENCIA** claimed the mile run title at the St. Cloud State Husky Invitational, Friday, Feb. 13, with a time of 4:17.88. Plasencia took second in the 5,000-meter at the Iowa State Classic, Feb. 6-7 with an NCAA provisional time of 14:07.17.

LATEST RANKINGS: Minnesota is 11th in the nation according to *Trackwire's* latest top 25 poll posted February 12. Arkansas leads the pack, while four other Big Ten schools in addition to Minnesota are ranked. Michigan leads the conference in a four-way tie for third in the nation, followed by Illinois at 15th, Iowa in a three-way tie for 16th and Wisconsin in a four-way tie for 23rd.

SEVEN-UP: Minnesota has scored seven provisionally qualifying performances for the NCAA Indoor Championship in Indianapolis, Ind., March 13-14. **STAFFAN STRAND** has automatically qualified with his 7-6 1/2 (2.30m) high jump at the Minnesota Invitational (1/24) and twice qualified provisionally in the event. **NILES DENEEN** has qualified provisionally twice over in the 55-meter hurdles (7.31; 7.33). Senior **TYE HARVEY** (Jamestown, Calif.) and junior **VESA RANTANEN** (Virrat, Finland) have qualified in the pole vault and senior **CHAD YENCHESKY** (DePere, Wis.) qualified in the shot put.

WRESTLING

THIS WEEK: The No. 4 Golden Gophers (17-2, 4-2 Big Ten) hit the road for a pair of dual meets to end the regular season. Minnesota travels to Evanston, Ill., to take on the Northwestern Wildcats at 7 p.m., Friday, Feb. 20, and to West Lafayette, Ind., to take on the No. 9 Purdue Boilermakers, Sunday, Feb. 22 at noon.

IN THE SERIES: Minnesota leads the series with the Wildcats 30-17-1. Last year, the Golden Gophers used a pin and five major decisions to defeat the Wildcats 35-3 on Dec. 6, 1996, in Williams Arena. Since J Robinson took over as head coach, Minnesota has posted a 7-3-1 mark against the Wildcats.

The Golden Gophers also lead the all-time series against Purdue with a 36-16-2 edge. The two teams have not met since the 1994-95 season when Minnesota defeated Purdue 35-3 on Jan. 22, 1995, in the Sports Pavilion. Under Robinson, the Golden Gophers are 6-2 vs. the Boilermakers.

PROBABLE LINEUP VS. THIS WEEKEND

- 118 — **BRETT LAWRENCE** (Fr., Sandpoint, Idaho)
- 126 — **PAT CONNORS** (Jr., Longview, Wash.) -OR- **BART GOLYER** (Jr., Cedar, Minn.)
- 134 — **TROY MARR** (Jr., Wyoming, Minn.)
- 142 — **JASON DAVIDS** (Sr., Forest Lake, Minn.)
- 150 — **CHAD KRAFT** (Jr., Lakefield, Minn.)
- 158 — **JOSH HOLIDAY** (Jr., Anaheim, Calif.)
- 167 — **ZAC TAYLOR** (Sr., Sandpoint, Idaho)



- 177 — **BRANDON EGGUM** (So., Sidney, Mont.) -OR- **DELANEY BERGER** (So., Mandan, N.D.)
- 190 — **TIM HARTUNG** (Jr., Durand, Wis.)
- Hwt — **SHELTON BENJAMIN** (Sr., Orangeburg, S.C.)

NEXT UP, BIG TENS: After this weekend's travels, Minnesota will take a week off to prepare for the Big Ten Championships, which will be held at Penn State's Bryce Jordan Center in University Park, Pa., March 7-8. The Golden Gophers look to become the first team in 24 years to unseat the Iowa Hawkeyes for the conference championship. The last team to win the Big Ten title other than the Hawkeyes was Michigan, which edged Iowa in 1973. The Golden Gophers have won four conference championships with the last coming in 1959.

NO. 4 GOPHERS EARN WEEKEND SWEEP:

Minnesota closed out the home slate last weekend with wins over No. 11 Michigan State and No. 13 Michigan. The Golden Gophers cruised to a 39-6 victory over the Spartans Friday night and then overcame an early 10-0 deficit to defeat the Wolverines 27-10 Saturday.

Against Michigan State, junior **BART GOLYER** pin of No. 6 Pat McNamara in 5:47 at 126 pounds turned the tide for the Golden Gophers. Michigan State senior David Morgan, ranked No. 1 in the country at 118 pounds, put the Spartans ahead early with a pin of freshman Brett Lawrence in 4:16, but Golyer evened the score in the next match. Junior **TROY MARR** put the Golden Gophers ahead for good with a hard-fought 5-4 decision over No. 20 Issac Miller.

Minnesota then cruised to the 39-6 victory on the strength of

SCOREBOARD

TOP INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

Wt.	Name	Overall	Total	Dual	Big Ten	Pins
118	Brett Lawrence	16-9	16-9	11-8	2-4	3
	Leroy Vega	11-2	11-2	0-0	0-0	1
	Julio Alaniz	6-4	6-4	0-0	0-0	0
126	Bart Golyer	19-5	18-4	8-3	2-3	7
	Pat Connors	17-4	9-4	5-3	1-0	4
134	Chad Erikson	11-3	11-3	0-0	0-0	3
	Ty Friederichs	11-7	11-7	0-0	0-0	1
	Pat Connors		8-0	4-0	0-0	3
	Bart Golyer		1-1	1-1	0-0	0
	Josh Krebs	11-6	11-6	2-1	0-0	3
	Troy Marr	25-6	11-4	7-3	4-2	2
142	Jason Davids	27-2	27-2	17-2	4-2	14
	Joe Calavitta	8-2	8-2	0-0	0-0	2
	Troy Marr		14-1	0-0	0-0	0
150	Chad Kraft	17-1	16-1	15-1	4-1	2
	Brad Pike	15-5	15-5	0-2	0-1	3
	Eddie Pak	5-6	5-6	0-0	0-0	0
	Troy Marr		0-1	0-1	0-0	0
158	Tim Kinsella	13-2	13-2	1-0	0-0	1
	Jesse Krebs	6-5	6-5	0-1	0-0	0
	Josh Holiday	23-2	23-2	14-2	4-1	4
	Chad Kraft		1-0	1-0	1-0	0
167	Delaney Berger	17-1	15-1	2-0	0-0	2
	Zac Taylor	25-5	25-5	13-4	3-3	7
	Mike Cuperus	14-2	14-2	0-0	0-0	5
	Matt Kraft	6-2	6-2	0-0	0-0	0
177	Brandon Eggum	22-2	22-2	14-2	1-2	6
	Kenneth Howard	3-3	3-3	0-0	0-0	1
	Delaney Berger		2-0	2-0	2-0	0
190	Tim Hartung	26-1	26-1	18-1	6-0	17
	Owen Elzen	7-4	7-4	0-0	0-0	4
HWT	Shelton Benjamin	26-4	26-4	14-3	5-1	8
	Brent Boeshans	13-4	13-4	2-0	0-0	1

GOPHER FLASHES

No. 4 Minnesota 39, No. 11 Michigan State 6

Friday, Feb. 13, 1998 — Sports Pavilion

- 118 - No. 1 David Morgan (MSU) pinned Brett Lawrence (UM) 4:16
- 126 - Bart Golyer (UM) pinned No. 6 Pat McNamara (MSU) 5:47
- 134 - No. 7 Troy Marr (UM) dec. No. 20 Issac Miller (MSU) 5-4
- 142 - No. 7 Jason Davids tech. fall Nick Curry (MSU) 21-6, 4:57
- 150 - No. 3 Chad Kraft (UM) major dec. David Hughes (MSU) 16-5
- 158 - No. 10 Josh Holiday (UM) dec. No. 20 Greg DeGrand (MSU) 8-2
- 167 - No. 9 Zac Taylor (UM) by injury default
- 177 - Delaney Berger (UM) major dec. James Brimm (MSU) 12-1
- 190 - No. 2 Tim Hartung (UM) major dec. Nick Muzashvili (MSU) 12-3
- Hwt - No. 7 Shelton Benjamin (UM) major dec. Matt Lamb (MSU) 15-3

No. 4 Minnesota 27, No. 13 Michigan 10

Saturday, Feb. 14, 1998 — Sports Pavilion

- 118 - No. 18 Chris Viola (MICH) major dec. Brett Lawrence (UM) 16-2
- 126 - No. 17 Joe Warren dec. Bart Golyer (UM) 6-2
- 134 - No. 13 Damion Logan (MICH) dec. No. 7 Troy Marr (UM) 10-6
- 142 - No. 7 Jason Davids (UM) major dec. Corey Grant (MICH) 13-4
- 150 - No. 3 Chad Kraft (UM) dec. No. 4 Bill Lacure (MICH) 3-1
- 158 - No. 10 Josh Holiday (UM) major dec. Jason Rawls (MICH) 16-5
- 167 - No. 9 Zac Taylor (UM) dec. No. 4 Jeff Catrabone (MICH) 2-1
- 177 - Delaney Berger (UM) major dec. Joe DeGain (MI) 14-6
- 190 - No. 2 Tim Hartung (UM) pinned Ryan Balcom (MI) 2:43
- Hwt - No. 7 Shelton Benjamin (UM) dec. No. 2 Airron Richardson 3-1

WRESTLING

major decisions in four of the last six weight classes led by sophomore **DELANEY BERGER** at 177 pounds and junior **TIM HARTUNG**, the nation's second-ranked wrestler at 190, who each picked up their fourth major decisions this year.

The next night, Minnesota used big upset wins from seniors **ZAC TAYLOR** and **SHELTON BENJAMIN** to earn its 17th victory of the season and to win its third straight Big Ten meet. Taylor, the nation's ninth-ranked wrestler at 167 pounds, defeated Michigan's No. 4 Jeff Catrabone 2-1, and Benjamin, the nation's seventh-ranked heavyweight, defeated No. 2 Airron Richardson 3-1 to ensure the victory for the Golden Gophers.

Michigan jumped out to an early 10-0 lead with wins in the first three weight classes. Senior **JASON DAVIDS**, ranked seventh in the nation at 142 pounds, put the Golden Gophers on the board with a 13-4 major decision over Michigan's Corey Grant to record his team-leading 27th victory of the season.

DAVIDS ONE DUAL-MEET WIN AWAY FROM TYING SCHOOL MARK: Two-time All-American **JASON DAVIDS** is just one win away from tying the all-time school record for dual-meet wins. Davids is 17-2 in dual action this season and 77-12-0 for his career. The current leader is Willy Short (1989-1994) who finished his career with a 78-18-2 mark in dual-meet action.

On pace to have his third consecutive 30-win season, Davids is also nearing the top of school lists for all-time career victories and pins. He is currently in fourth place in career wins with a 123-24-0 record and in third place for career pins with 35.

DENTING THE RECORD BOOK: Several other Golden Gophers are also climbing their way into Minnesota's record book. Senior **ZAC TAYLOR** is currently eighth all time with a career record of 112-29-0.

In just three seasons, juniors **TIM HARTUNG** and **CHAD KRAFT** have also moved their way into the Golden Gopher record book. Hartung is in 16th place with a career mark of 84-21-0. Kraft is now 21st with a career mark of 77-17-0. Hartung is also nearing the top of the school list for career pins. He is currently in fourth with 33 career wins by fall, including a team-leading 17 this season.

MINNESOTA SETS SCHOOL MARK FOR ATTENDANCE: The Golden Gophers set a school record this year when 11,284 fans turned out to watch Iowa defeat Minnesota 20-12 on Jan. 23. The attendance mark surpasses the old record set Feb. 3, 1980, when 9,225 fans watched Iowa State defeat the Golden Gophers 19-18 at Williams Arena. The NCAA record for attendance at a dual meet was set Feb. 22, 1992, when 15,291 fans watched Iowa defeat Iowa State 29-8 at Carver-Hawkeye Arena in Iowa City.

VS. RANKED OPPONENTS: The Golden Gophers have an 8-2 mark against ranked opponents heading into this weekend's matches with Northwestern and No. 9 Purdue. Most recently, Minnesota knocked off No. 10 Michigan State 39-6 and No. 13 Michigan 27-10 last weekend at the Sports Pavilion.

ROAD WARRIORS: The Golden Gophers have won seven dual meets on the road this season, most recently defeating the Ohio State Buckeyes 34-9 in Columbus on Feb. 8. In addition, the Golden Gophers won two duals at Jackson (Minn.) High School and four at the National Duals in Iowa City, Iowa, for a grand total of 13 dual meets won in places other than Minneapolis this season.

MINNESOTA SLIPS TO FOURTH IN NATIONAL POLLS: The Golden Gophers slipped to fourth place in

the Feb. 12 NWCA/*Amateur Wrestling News* rankings after holding the No. 3 spot for two weeks before. It is the lowest ranking for the Golden Gophers which started the season in third and moved to second on Jan. 8. The team spent three weeks in second and the past two in third before slipping to fourth Feb. 12.

SEVEN 20-MATCH WINNERS IN LINEUP: Seven Golden Gophers in the starting lineup have won at least 20 matches this season. Senior **JASON DAVIDS** (142) leads the team with a 27-2 record. Two wrestlers are tied with 26 wins in junior **TIM HARTUNG** (190) at 26-1 and senior **SHELTON BENJAMIN** (HWT) at 26-4. Other 20-match winners include junior **TROY MARR** (134) at 25-6, senior **ZAC TAYLOR** (167) at 25-5, junior **JOSH HOLIDAY** at 23-2 and sophomore **BRANDON EGGUM** (177) at 22-2.

LATEST RANKINGS: Individually, All-American and defending Big Ten champion **TIM HARTUNG** is the top-ranked Golden Gopher in the Feb. 11 Intermat/*W.I.N.* rankings. Hartung is ranked second at 190 pounds.

Junior **CHAD KRAFT**, a two-time All-American who took third at the NAAs last year, is ranked third at 150 pounds after a tough loss to Penn State's then No. 3-ranked Clint Musser last weekend. Senior **JASON DAVIDS** slipped from third to seventh in the latest rankings at 142 pounds after holding the top spot for most of the year.

Other ranked Minnesota wrestlers include junior **TROY MARR** who is the seventh-ranked wrestler at 134, senior All-American **SHELTON BENJAMIN**, seventh at heavyweight, junior All-American **PAT CONNORS**, seventh at 126, senior **ZAC TAYLOR**, ninth at 167, junior **JOSH HOLIDAY**, 10th at 158 and sophomore **BRANDON EGGUM**, 13th at 177.

IN THE CONFERENCE: Eight Minnesota wrestlers are ranked in the Feb. 2 Big Ten Coaches poll, including two who are ranked No. 1 in their respective weight classes.

Junior **CHAD KRAFT** has been ranked No. 1 at 150 pounds all season, and junior **TIM HARTUNG** moved into first last week after posting a sterling 4-0 mark in Big Ten dual-meet action.

Other ranked Minnesota wrestlers include senior **JASON DAVIDS**, second at 142; junior **TROY MARR**, fourth at 134; junior **JOSH HOLIDAY**, second at 158 pounds; senior **ZAC TAYLOR**, fourth at 167; sophomore **BRANDON EGGUM**, third at 177; and senior **SHELTON BENJAMIN**, tied for third at heavyweight.

HOLDING THEM SCORELESS: Minnesota's 49-0 victory over two-time NAIA national champion Missouri Valley College at the National Duals marked the team's fifth shutout of the season. Minnesota's other shutouts came against Mankato State (38-0), Truman State (57-0), Augustana (53-0) and San Francisco State (46-0). The Golden Gophers have lost only one match in four other duals this season (Fresno State 45-3, Nebraska 43-3, West Virginia 33-3, Michigan State 39-6).

PIN CITY: Through 19 dual meets this season, Minnesota's wrestlers have won 43 matches by pinning their opponents, including **SHELTON BENJAMIN'S** dramatic fall in 2:16 over Iowa's Wes Hand to give Minnesota its National Duals title. Minnesota recorded a remarkable eight wins by fall in a 57-0 win over Truman State on Dec. 5, 1997. Last year through 19 duals, Minnesota had only recorded 22 match wins by pin.

Junior **TIM HARTUNG** is the team leader with 10 pins in dual meets. Senior **JASON DAVIDS** is second with seven. Hartung is also the overall team leader with 17 pins overall, and Davids is second with 14.



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THIS WEEK IN GOPHER SPORTS

Wed, March 4	<p>☒ Baseball vs. Iowa State Metrodome KKMS-AM (980) (TD) 6 p.m.</p>	Sat, March 7	<p>☒ Gymnastics vs. Illinois-Chicago Sports Pavilion 1 p.m.</p>
Thurs, March 5	<p>☒ Basketball vs. Northwestern First round of Big Ten Tourney Chicago, Ill. ESPN2 (Live) WCCO-AM (830) 1 p.m.</p>	Sun, March 8	<p>☒ Hockey vs. St. Cloud State Mariucci Arena MSC (live) KSTP-AM (1500) 7:05 p.m.</p> <p>☒ Swimming/ Diving vs. Go-PHER-it Invitational Aquatic Center 3 p.m.</p> <p>☒ Tennis at H.E.B. Classic Corpus Christi, Texas All Day</p> <p>☒ Wrestling at Big Ten Championships University Park, Pa. 2 p.m.</p>
Fri, March 6	<p>☒ Basketball (if win on Thursday) vs. Michigan State/Purdue winner Second round of Big Ten Tourney Chicago, Ill. ESPN2 (Live) WCCO-AM (830) 1 p.m.</p> <p>☒ Baseball vs. Rutgers - Hormel Classic Metrodome 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>☒ Hockey at St. Cloud State St. Cloud, Minn. KSTP-AM (1500) 7:05 p.m.</p> <p>☒ Tennis at H.E.B. Classic Corpus Christi, Texas All Day</p> <p>☒ Track/Field at NCAA Qualifying Ames, Iowa All Day</p>	Sun, March 8	<p>☒ Baseball vs. Connecticut - Hormel Classic Metrodome KKMS-AM (980) (Live) MSC (Live) 1:15 p.m.</p> <p>☒ Tennis at H.E.B. Classic Corpus Christi, Texas All Day</p> <p>☒ Swimming/ Diving vs. Gopher Invitational Aquatic Center 1 p.m.</p> <p>☒ Wrestling at Big Ten Championships University Park, Pa. Fox Sports Net (TD) 2 p.m.</p>
Sat, March 7	<p>☒ Baseball vs. California - Hormel Classic Metrodome KKMS-AM (980) (Live) 1:30 p.m.</p>		

GOPHER HOTLINE

The Golden Gopher Hotline features daily interviews with players and coaches. It is available to the media 24 hours a day by calling (612) 625-7887. The hotline is broadcast quality and is changed by noon each day. This service is for media use only. The schedule for this week is as follows:

Tuesday, March 3:
Head Minnesota Basketball Coach CLEM HASKINS' weekly press conference

Wednesday, March 4:
Head Hockey Coach DOUG WOOG previews the St. Cloud State series.

Thursday, March 5:
Head Wrestling Coach J ROBINSON previews

the Big Ten Championships.

Friday, March 6:
Senior hockey forward CASEY HANKINSON previews the St. Cloud State series.

Saturday and Sunday, March 7-8:
Head Hockey Coach DOUG WOOG's postgame comments

WRESTLING

THIS WEEK: The No. 4 Golden Gophers (19-2, 6-2 Big Ten) travel to the Big Ten Championships, which will be held at Penn State's Bryce Jordan Center in University Park, Pa., March 7-8. The Golden Gophers look to become the first team in 24 years to unseat the Iowa Hawkeyes for the conference championship. The last team to win the Big Ten title other than the Hawkeyes was Michigan, which edged by Iowa in 1973. The Golden Gophers have won four conference championships with the last coming in 1959.

LAST YEAR AT BIG TENS: Minnesota finished second at last season's Big Ten Championships held in Williams Arena to the Iowa Hawkeyes, who won their 24th Big Ten crown. The Golden Gophers' finish marked the third second-place finish in Head Coach J Robinson's career. Junior **TIM HARTUNG** won the Big Ten title at 190 pounds, the Golden Gophers' first individual title since Brad Gibson claimed the championship in 1994 at 177 pounds. Minnesota has not won a Big Ten title since 1959, when Minnesota coaching legend Wally Johnson led the Golden Gophers to a 14-5 record.

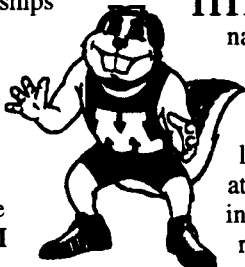
PROBABLE LINEUP VS. BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

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 158 — **JOSH HOLIDAY** (Jr., Anaheim, Calif.)
 167 — **ZAC TAYLOR** (Sr., Sandpoint, Idaho)
 177 — **BRANDON EGGUM** (So., Sidney, Mont.) -OR- **DELANEY BERGER** (So., Mandan, N.D.)
 190 — **TIM HARTUNG** (Jr., Durand, Wis.)
 Hwt — **SHELTON BENJAMIN** (Sr., Orangeburg, S.C.)

HARTUNG LOOKS TO DEFEND BIG TEN

TITLE: Junior **TIM HARTUNG**, ranked No. 2 in the nation at 190 pounds, will look to defend his Big Ten title. Last season, Hartung won the Golden Gophers only Big Ten title with a 3-1 overtime decision over Michigan State's defending champion Brian Picklo. Hartung had lost to Picklo earlier in the season 2-1 in double overtime at East Lansing, Mich., which was his only loss heading into Big Tens. This season Hartung has a 28-1 overall record and a 20-1 dual-meet mark. Hartung is also flawless with an 8-0 record in the Big Ten this year.



DAVIDS IS SCHOOL RECORD HOLDER IN DUAL-MEET WINS: Two-time All-American **JASON DAVIDS** set the all-time school record for most career dual wins two weeks ago in Purdue. Davids is 19-2 in dual action this season and 79-12-0 for his career. He tied former Golden Gopher Willy Short (1989-1994) with 78 career dual meet victories after a 16-7 maj. dec. over Northwestern's Malik Elliot on Friday night. Davids then decisioned No. 4 Willie Wineberg 6-1 to take the record. Willy Short finished his career with a 78-18-2 mark in dual-meet action.

SCOREBOARD

TOP INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

Wt.	Name	Overall	Total	Dual	Big Ten	Pins
118	Brett Lawrence	16-10	16-10	11-9	2-5	3
	Leroy Vega	11-2	11-2	0-0	0-0	1
	Julio Alaniz	6-4	6-4	0-0	0-0	0
	Brandon Paulson	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	0
126	Bart Golyer	20-6	19-5	9-4	3-4	7
	Pat Connors	17-4	9-4	5-3	1-0	4
134	Chad Erikson	11-3	11-3	0-0	0-0	3
	Ty Friederichs	11-7	11-7	0-0	0-0	1
	Pat Connors		8-0	4-0	0-0	3
	Bart Golyer		1-1	1-1	0-0	0
	Josh Krebs	11-6	11-6	2-1	0-0	3
	Troy Marr	26-7	12-5	8-4	5-3	2
142	Jason Davids	29-2	29-2	19-2	6-2	14
	Joe Calavitta	8-2	8-2	0-0	0-0	2
	Troy Marr		14-1	0-0	0-0	0
150	Chad Kraft	19-1	18-1	17-1	6-1	2
	Brad Pike	15-5	15-5	0-2	0-1	3
	Eddie Pak	5-6	5-6	0-0	0-0	0
	Troy Marr		0-1	0-1	0-0	0
158	Tim Kinsella	13-2	13-2	1-0	0-0	1
	Jesse Krebs	6-5	6-5	0-1	0-0	0
	Josh Holiday	25-2	25-2	16-2	6-1	4
	Chad Kraft		1-0	1-0	1-0	0
167	Delaney Berger	18-2	16-1	2-0	0-0	2
	Zac Taylor	27-5	27-5	15-4	5-3	7
	Mike Cuperus	14-2	14-2	0-0	0-0	5
	Matt Kraft	6-2	6-2	0-0	0-0	0
177	Brandon Eggum	22-2	22-2	14-2	1-2	6
	Kenneth Howard	3-3	3-3	0-0	0-0	1
	Delaney Berger		3-1	3-1	3-1	1
190	Tim Hartung	29-1	29-1	21-1	8-0	18
	Owen Elzen	7-4	7-4	0-0	0-0	4
HWT	Shelton Benjamin	28-4	28-4	16-3	7-1	9
	Brent Boeshans	13-4	13-4	2-0	0-0	1

GOPHER FLASHES

LAST ACTION:

No. 4 Minnesota 32, No. 24 Northwestern 6
Friday, Feb. 20, 1998 - Evanston, Ill.

- 118 - Brandon Paulson (UM) forfeit
 126 - Bart Golyer (UM) maj. dec. Micah Hey (NU), 8-1
 134 - No. 5 Scott Schatzman (NU) dec. No. 10 Troy Marr, 4-1
 142 - No. 6 Jason Davids (UM) maj. dec. Malik Elliott (NU), 16-7
 150 - No. 3 Chad Kraft (UM) dec. No. 18 Drew Pariano (NU), 7-4
 158 - No. 8 Josh Holiday (UM) dec. Steve Bucciero (NU), 10-5
 167 - No. 9 Zac Taylor (UM) dec. No. 10 Mark Bybee (NU), 8-7
 177 - No. 18 Joel Goeden (NU) dec. Delaney Berger (UM), 8-2
 190 - No. 2 Tim Hartung (UM) maj. dec. No. 5 Sam Neider (NU), 10-2
 Hwt. - No. 5 Shelton Benjamin (UM) pin Chris Roberts (NU), 4:14

No. 4 Minnesota 28, No. 9 Purdue 8
Sunday, Feb. 22, 1998 -- West Lafayette, Ind.

- 118 -- No. 10 Tim Demlan (PU) dec. Brett Lawrence (UM), tech fall 6:21
 126 -- No. 8 Josh Hutchens (PU) dec. Bart Golyer (UM), 5-4 (double OT)
 134 -- No. 10 Troy Marr (UM) maj. dec. Eric Kerkhof (PU), 15-6
 142 -- No. 6 Jason Davids (UM) dec. No. 4 Willie Wineberg (PU), 6-1
 150 -- No. 3 Chad Kraft (UM) dec. No. 8 Mickey Griffin (PU), 8-1
 158 -- No. 8 Josh Holiday (UM) dec. Eric Douglas (PU), 7-2
 167 -- No. 9 Zac Taylor (UM) dec. James Crnich (PU), 9-3
 177 -- Delaney Berger (UM) dec. Davion Peterson (PU), 13-6
 190 -- No. 2 Tim Hartung (UM) pinned Mark Colegrove (PU), 2:03
 Hwt. -- No. 5 Shelton Benjamin (UM) dec. David Pierce (PU), 7-2

WRESTLING

On pace to have his third consecutive 30-win season, Davids is also nearing the top of school lists for all-time career victories and pins. He is currently in fourth place in career wins with a 125-24-0 record and in third place for career pins with 35. Davids is just two wins shy of Tim Harris, who finished his career with a 127-47-0 record.

DENTING THE RECORD BOOK: Several other Golden Gophers are also climbing their way into Minnesota's record book. Senior **ZAC TAYLOR** is currently seventh all time with a career record of 114-29-0.

In just three seasons, juniors **TIM HARTUNG** and **CHAD KRAFT** have also moved their way into the Golden Gopher record book. Hartung is in 16th place with a career mark of 86-21-0. Kraft is now 18th with a career mark of 79-17-0. Hartung is also nearing the top of the school list for career pins. He is currently in third with 34 career wins by fall, including a team-leading 18 this season.

MINNESOTA SETS SCHOOL MARK FOR ATTENDANCE: The Golden Gophers set a school record this year when 11,284 fans turned out to watch Iowa defeat Minnesota 20-12 on Jan. 23. The attendance mark surpasses the old record set Feb. 3, 1980, when 9,225 fans watched Iowa State defeat the Golden Gophers 19-18 at Williams Arena. The NCAA record for attendance at a dual meet was set Feb. 22, 1992, when 15,291 fans watched Iowa defeat Iowa State 29-8 at Carver-Hawkeye Arena in Iowa City.

VS. RANKED OPPONENTS: The Golden Gophers have a 10-2 mark against ranked opponents heading into the Big Ten Championships. Most recently, Minnesota knocked off No. 24 Northwestern 32-6 on Feb. 20 and No. 9 Purdue 28-8 on Feb. 22.

ROAD WARRIORS: The Golden Gophers have won nine dual meets on the road this season, most recently winning at Northwestern and Purdue. In addition, the Golden Gophers won two duals at Jackson (Minn.) High School and four at the National Duals in Iowa City, Iowa, for a grand total of 13 dual meets won in places other than Minneapolis this season.

MINNESOTA SLIPS TO FOURTH IN NATIONAL POLLS: The Golden Gophers were ranked fourth in the Feb. 26 *NWCA/Amateur Wrestling News* rankings for the third consecutive week, after holding the No. 3 spot for two weeks before. Minnesota trails third-ranked Penn State by just three points. It is the lowest ranking for the Golden Gophers which started the season in third and moved to second on Jan. 8. The team spent three weeks in second and the past two in third before slipping to fourth on Feb. 12.

SEVEN 20-MATCH WINNERS IN LINEUP: Seven Golden Gophers in the starting lineup have won at least 20 matches this season. Senior **JASON DAVIDS** (142) leads the team with a 29-2 record. Two wrestlers are tied with 28 wins in junior **TIM HARTUNG** (190) at 28-1 and senior **SHELTON BENJAMIN** (HWT) at 28-4. Other 20-match winners include junior **TROY MARR** (134) at 26-6, senior **ZAC TAYLOR** (167) at 27-5, junior **JOSH HOLIDAY** at 25-2 and sophomore **BRANDON EGGUM** (177) at 22-2.

LATEST RANKINGS: Individually, All-American and defending Big Ten champion **TIM HARTUNG** is the top-ranked Golden Gopher in the Feb. 11 Intermat/*W.I.N.* rankings. Hartung is ranked second at 190 pounds.

Junior **CHAD KRAFT**, a two-time All-American who took third at the NCAAs last year, is ranked third at 150 pounds after a tough loss to Penn State's then No. 3-ranked Clint Musser two weeks ago. Senior **JASON DAVIDS** moved up a spot from sixth to fifth in the latest rankings at 142 pounds after holding the top spot for most of the year.

Other ranked Minnesota wrestlers include junior **TROY MARR** who is the ninth ranked wrestler at 134, senior All-American **SHELTON BENJAMIN**, fifth at heavyweight, junior All-American **PAT CONNORS**, seventh at 126, senior **ZAC TAYLOR**, ninth at 167, junior **JOSH HOLIDAY**, seventh at 158 and sophomore **BRANDON EGGUM**, 13th at 177.

IN THE CONFERENCE: Eight Minnesota wrestlers are ranked in the Feb. 16 Big Ten Coaches poll, including two who are ranked No. 1 in their respective weight classes.

Junior **TIM HARTUNG** is ranked No. 1 at 190 pounds for the second consecutive poll and junior **JOSH HOLIDAY** moved into first at 158 pounds with a 4-1 record in the Big Ten.

Other ranked Minnesota wrestlers include senior **JASON DAVIDS** second at 142; junior **CHAD KRAFT** second at 150 pounds after being ranked No. 1 all season; junior **TROY MARR**, fifth at 134; senior **ZAC TAYLOR**, fourth at 167; sophomore **BRANDON EGGUM**, fourth at 177; and senior **SHELTON BENJAMIN**, third at heavyweight.

HOLDING THEM SCORELESS: Minnesota's 49-0 victory over two-time NAIA national champion Missouri Valley College at the National Duals marked the team's fifth shutout of the season. Minnesota's other shutouts came against Mankato State (38-0), Truman State (57-0), Augustana (53-0) and San Francisco State (46-0). The Golden Gophers have lost only one match in four other duals this season (Fresno State 45-3, Nebraska 43-3, West Virginia 33-3, Michigan State 39-6).

PIN CITY: Through 21 dual meets this season, Minnesota's wrestlers have won 45 matches by pinning their opponents, including **SHELTON BENJAMIN'S** dramatic fall in 2:16 over Iowa's Wes Hand to give Minnesota its National Duals title. Minnesota recorded a remarkable eight wins by fall in a 57-0 win over Truman State on Dec. 5, 1997. Last year through 19 duals, Minnesota had only recorded 22 match wins by pin.

Junior **TIM HARTUNG** is the team leader with 11 pins in dual meets. Senior **JASON DAVIDS** is second with seven. Hartung is also the overall team leader with 18 pins overall, and Davids is second with 14.

TRACK & FIELD

THIS WEEK: Next up for the Big Ten Champion men's track and field team is the NCAA Qualifying meet at Ames, Iowa, Friday, March 6.

IT'S A FIRST!: The University of Minnesota took home its first Big Ten Indoor Championship at Purdue University, Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 28-March 1. The Golden Gophers upended three-time defending champion Wisconsin on the strength of two individual event titles.

Minnesota earned points in all but two events, one of which had no Golden Gopher entries.

The Golden Gophers, who had not won a Big Ten track and field title since the outdoor team won in 1968, finished 14 points ahead of the Badgers.

FOR THE RECORD: Minnesota already had broken four school records heading into the conference championship, and left with two more fallen marks and a tied mark. Freshman **TOM GERDING** (Waconia, Minn.) had established new Minnesota freshman times in the 400-meter and 600-meter dash but went into



Purdue and broke his previous freshman-best time of 1:16.19 in the 600-meter dash. In the trials Saturday, Gerding smashed both his record and the Lambert Field House record, posting a time of 1:19.09. Gerding's record would later be broken in the finals, but the freshman would take fourth with a time of 1:19.60.

Sophomore **STAFFAN STRAND** (Uppsland-Vasby, Sweden) won his second consecutive high jump title, tying his Big Ten meet record from a year ago of 7-4 1/2 (2.25m). Junior **BENJAMIN JENSEN** (Mandal, Norway) also broke his own school and Big Ten mark in the heptathlon, winning the event for the second straight year with 5,769 points.

Senior **NILES DENEEN** (St. Paul, Minn.) ran his school-record time of 7.31 for the fourth time this year in the 55-meter hurdles. The time was good for third place and NCAA provisional qualification.

YEAR-END HONORS: The Big Ten Conference will award its annual honors later in the week. Minnesota Head Coach Phil Lundin is expected to be the favorite for Coach of the Year accolades. Last season, **STAFFAN STRAND** was named Big Ten Freshman of the Year.

"Everybody on the team is very aware this is very special. It's a first. It's historic. These kids are always going to be a part of that and remembered as the first team to win it."
- Head Coach Phil Lundin

SCOREBOARD

TOP INDOOR PERFORMANCES

55m Dash -- Fred Rodgers, 6.33 (1/31)
60m Dash -- Fred Rodgers, 6.53 (2/13)
55m Hurdles -- Niles Deneen, 7.31* & \$ (1/31, 2/13)
60m Hurdles -- Benjamin Jensen, 8.03 (2/13)
200m Dash -- Fred Rodgers, 22.03 (2/28)
400m Dash -- Tom Gerding, 47.91\$# (2/7)
500m Dash -- Adam Freed, 1:05.90 (2/13)
600m Dash -- Scott Beadle, 1:18.93 (2/28)
800m Run -- Jason Owen, 1:52.02 (2/28)
Mile Run -- Sami Valtonen, 4:06.58 (2/7)
3,000m Run -- Nate Clay, 8:28.63 (2/27)
5,000m Run -- Tony Riter, 14:31.18 (2/28)
High Jump -- Staffan Strand, 7-6 1/2 (2.30)! & @ ^ \$ (1/24)
Pole Vault -- Tye Harvey, 17-9 1/4 (5.42m)* (2/27)
Long Jump -- Marcus Westberry, 23-7 1/4 (7.19m) (2/27)
Triple Jump -- Marcus Westberry, 49-3 (15.01) (2/27)
Shot Put -- Chad Yenchesky, 59-4 1/4 (18.08m)* \$ (1/24)
Weight Throw -- Ben Meyer, 54-10 (16.71m) (2/13)
Pentathlon -- Jesse Madsen%, 3,289 (1/24)
Heptathlon -- Benjamin Jensen, 5,769 (2/28)

Key:

* NCAA Provisional

! NCAA Automatic

& Minnesota School Record

@ Field House Record

^ Big Ten Record

\$ Personal Best

U of M Freshman Record

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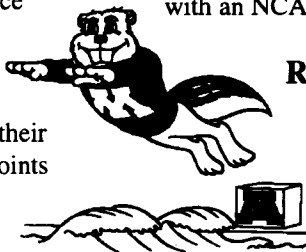
BACK-TO-BACK: The men's track and field team added an extra-special punch to the weekend with its Big Ten Championship. Saturday night the men's swimming and diving team captured its second Big Ten crown of the 1990s, and less than 24 hours later the track and field team brought another Big Ten Championship home to Minneapolis. The double whammy marked the first time since 1995 that two Big Ten Championships were won in the same year. The two championships within one sports season had not been done since 1992, but remarkably it was not the first time two Big Ten titles were won in one weekend. In 1982 the men's basketball team captured the outright Big Ten title on March 6 with a 87-75 win over Ohio State. On March 7, the men's gymnastics team won the Big Ten title in Wisconsin by a margin of .90 points.

LUCKY NUMBER: Minnesota has scored 13 provisionally qualifying performances for the NCAA Indoor Championship in Indianapolis, Ind., March 13-14. **STAFFAN STRAND** has automatically qualified twice with his best high jump coming at 7-6 1/2 (2.30m) at the Minnesota Invitational (1/24). **NILES DENEEN** has qualified provisionally five times in the 55-meter hurdles. Senior **TYE HARVEY** (Jamestown, Calif.) and junior **VESA RANTANEN** (Virrat, Finland) have qualified in the pole vault twice and senior **CHAD YENCHESKY** (DePere, Wis.) qualified in the shot put.

SWIMMING & DIVING

THIS WEEK: The Golden Gophers (7-1 overall, 3-1 Big Ten), fresh off their Big Ten Championship weekend, will host their annual Go-PHER-it Invitational, Saturday, March 7, and the Gopher Invitational, Sunday, March 8. Saturday's meet begins at 3 p.m., while Sunday's start time is 1 p.m.

VICTORY!: Minnesota became the first team since 1990 to win a Big Ten Swimming and Diving Championship in its home pool, out-racing Michigan last Saturday for on the title the final day of events. The Golden Gophers took home their second title in three years with 714 total points, 73 points ahead of defending champion Michigan.



THE SUM OF THE PARTS...: The Golden Gophers won three relay titles and one individual title during the weekend, but claimed the Big Ten title more on depth and teamwork than individuality. Minnesota had 10 individuals make the finals the last day of competition to help pick up points.

Senior **TY BATHURST** (Albuquerque, N.M.) won Minnesota's only individual title as he claimed the 50-yard freestyle after finishing second

*"Even when it appeared we won, I told our guys to swim with pride; to be proud. I told them to swim as if the meet depended on each race."
- Head Coach Dennis Dale*

the past two seasons in the event. It was the Maroon and Gold's first 50-yard freestyle crown since 1992.

The relay teams finished first on three occasions and second twice. The 200-yard medley relay set a new school and Big Ten record Friday with an NCAA automatic qualifying time of 1:27.92, while the first-place 400-yard freestyle relay team set a Minnesota school record Saturday with an NCAA automatic qualifying time of 2:55.03. The 400-yard medley team, which took second place, set another new Minnesota school record with an NCAA consideration time of 3:13.17.

RECORDS, RECORDS, RECORDS:

A total of 12 records were set at the Big Ten Championships. Minnesota freshman **ALEX MASSURA** (Belo Horizonte, Brazil) was a part of six of those. Massura, who took second in the 100-yard and 200-yard backstroke, set Minnesota school and freshman records in both backstroke events and swam with the 400-yard medley relay and 400-yard freestyle relay teams. Junior **MARTIN ZIELINSKI** (Bloomington, Minn.) and senior **JEREMY RIENTS** (Apple Valley, Minn.) each were a part of both the 400-yard medley record-setting team, while Zielinski set a record with the 200-yard medley team and Rients set another mark with the 400-yard freestyle relay.

SCOREBOARD

QUOTABLE:

Brandon Schindler, Jr., Saratoga, Fla. - Minnesota

On winning the 200-yard medley relay Friday:

"I'm just privileged to be here at Minnesota and to be able to contribute to this great team. The senior leadership on this team is just great."

Minnesota Head Coach Dennis Dale

On them 800-yard relay's finish Friday:

"I couldn't have imagined the splits that we put together. Not only did they swim a great race, but we had only expected to be in fourth or fifth. It was really important that they got second, but also that they swam so well."

On knowing when the championship was his:

"After the prelims (Saturday), I was convinced we had won. It was the turning point. The meet was no longer in doubt after the prelims."

Tom Malchow, Jr., Mendota Heights, Minn. - Michigan

On the 200-yard butterfly preliminaries:

"It's never a routine (swim). Mike (Mesenbourg of Minnesota) had a great swim. He definitely made it more than a routine. He made it faster than I anticipated."

Mike Mesenbourg, Fr., Hubertus, Wis. - Minnesota

On his 200-yard butterfly preliminary swim:

"It's amazing to swim next to Tom Malchow. Most people don't get the chance to swim right next to an Olympic silver medlaist. I just wanted to stay with. Swimming against him was a dream come true."

GOPHER FLASHES

NO MESS HERE: One of the surprises of the Big Ten Swimming and Diving Championships was the preliminary swim of freshman **MIKE MESENBURG** (Hubertus, Wis.) in the 200-yard butterfly. Mesenbourg was the final 200-yard butterfly swimmer for the Golden Gophers and was pitted next to Tom Malchow of Michigan, the 1996 Olympic silver medalist in that event. Mesenbourg ended up swimming almost three seconds faster than his career best to notch the prelims' second-fastest time (1:47.67). He was second only to Malchow by .62. Mesenbourg ended up finishing third in the finals.

PLEASANTRIES ABOUND: The other bonus Minnesota received came from its 800-yard freestyle relay team. Projected to finish fourth or fifth, the team of Massura, junior **JOHN CAHOY** (Hudson, Wis.), sophomore **BRYAN CARLSON** (Rosemount, Minn.) and junior **JONO McLEOD** (Regina, Sask.) came .21 seconds from winning the event. Michigan, which traditionally dominates the 800-yard freestyle relay, had to rely on the anchor leg of Tom Malchow to pull the Wolverines to victory. The Minnesota relay team team scored an NCAA consideration time of 6:30.99 and picked up 34 points, building a 40-point cushion heading into the final day.

COACH'S CALL: Head Coach Dennis Dale was rewarded for preparing his team so well with his third Big Ten Coach of the Year distinction. Dale also won in 1989 and 1996.

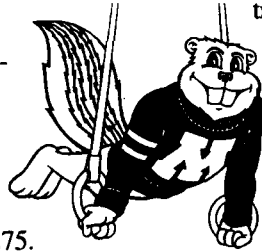
GYMNASTICS

THIS WEEK: The No. 15 Golden Gophers close out the regular season with a home dual meet against No. 13 Illinois-Chicago at the Sports Pavilion Saturday, March 7. The meet begins at 1:00 p.m.

THE SERIES: Minnesota leads the all-time series against the UIC Flames 15-6-1. Last year, the visiting Golden Gophers lost to Illinois-Chicago 227.75-226.05. Minnesota avenged that loss at the NCAA East Regionals with a fifth-place finish, 4.125 points better than the sixth-place Flames.

LAST ACTION: Minnesota dropped a pair of dual meets at the Sports Pavilion this past weekend, Feb. 26 and March 1. On Friday night, No. 3 Nebraska topped the Golden Gophers 229.575-221.275. Minnesota turned in their best performance of the season on Sunday afternoon, but it was not enough to defeat the top-ranked Iowa Hawkeyes. Iowa defeated the Gophers by a score of 226.400-222.900. Illinois-Chicago dropped a dual meet to No. 5 Illinois 227.575-220.875 last Saturday.

STEPPING UP: With the loss of three scholarship athletes to season-ending injuries, Minnesota has needed to rely on the swift improvement of several first-year competitors. **BOB GOSS** (Kenosha, Wis.), a freshman walk-on, had his best meet of the season against Iowa. Goss established three new career-highs with a 9.250 on the floor exercise, 9.450 on the pommel horse, and a 9.500 on the parallel bars. His previous best on the



parallel bars was a 9.150. Sophomore **RYAN WINTERBOURNE** (Anaheim, Calif.) has been Minnesota's lone bright spot on the still rings. Winterbourne has posted the three highest scores this season with a 9.400, 9.450 and a 9.500. He also set two career-highs against Iowa with a 9.300 on the floor exercise and a 9.150 on the high bar.

POMMEL DOMINATION: Minnesota's best event is the pommel horse. Entering last weekend's action, the Golden Gophers were ranked third in the country in that event, trailing Nebraska and Iowa. This past weekend, the Golden Gophers defeated both in the pommel horse. Leading the way are senior co-captain **GEORGE BEATTY** (Aberdeen, N.J.) and junior **JASON KROB** (St. Charles, Mo.). Both are ranked ninth in the country and in six dual meets this season, the duo has dominated. Beatty has three first-place, one second-place and one third-place finishes. Krob has two first-place and four second-place finishes.

COACH ROETHLISBERGER: Head Coach Fred Roethlisberger is in his 27th year at the helm of the University of Minnesota Gymnastics program. Roethlisberger has led his team to 11 Big Ten Championships during his tenure and has a 170-73-1 (.710) career record.

INJURY FRONT: The Golden Gophers have been hampered by a rash of injuries to key contributors. **DAN BOOTS** (Jr., Pearland, Texas), **TODD GUILBEAU** (Fr., Houston, Texas) and **BOB HUBBARD** (Sr., Phoenix, Ariz.) have all experienced season-ending injuries.

SCOREBOARD

1998 MEN'S GYMNASTICS SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Site/Result
Jan. 10	Alumni Meet	* L 213.90-221.85
Jan. 17	Windy City Invitational	7th/213.85
Jan. 31	Ohio State	L 217.95-226.35
Feb. 7	Illinois	L 221.070-216.550
Feb. 13	Michigan State	L 221.75-228.425
Feb. 14	Michigan	L 222.575-226.85
Feb. 27	Nebraska	L 221.275-229.575
Mar. 1	Iowa	L 222-90-226.40
Mar. 7	Illinois-Chicago	Sports Pavilion
Mar. 20-21	Big Ten Championships	Ann Arbor, Mich.
April 4	NCAA East Regionals	Amherst, Mass.
April 16-18	NCAA Championships	University Park, Pa.

*Exhibition

GOPHER FLASHES

BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS: Minnesota finished fourth at the 1997 Big Ten Championships. This season, the University of Michigan will host the event in Ann Arbor, Mich., March 20-21. The Golden Gophers last won the Big Ten Championship in 1995, led by current assistant coach Brian Yee. Yee, an All-American selection that year, finished second in the all-around and went on the finish 7th at the NCAA Championships.

NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS: The Golden Gophers are looking to get back to the NCAA Championships in University Park, Pa., April 16-18, for the first time since 1993. The NCAA East Regionals are set for April 4 in Amherst, Mass.

TENNIS

THIS WEEK: The 48th-ranked Golden Gophers (3-2 overall; 1-1 Big Ten) head to the H.E.B. Classic in Corpus Christi, Texas, Friday through Sunday, March 6-8.

LAST ACTION: The Golden Gophers, after upsetting 24th-ranked Kansas, 4-3, on Valentine's Day, fell to the Iowa Hawkeyes by the same score in Iowa City, Feb. 21.

Minnesota captured the doubles point by taking Nos. 2 and 3 doubles, but lost four singles matches to give Iowa the victory. No. 2 singles player junior **ADAM SELKIRK** (St. Joseph, Mo.) and No. 6 singles player, freshman **JON SVENSSON** (Kristianstad, Sweden), were the only singles players to win their matches for Minnesota.

GOOSE EGG: Freshman **JON SVENSSON** and junior **MARTIN KRISTOFFERSEN** are the only two U of M players with undefeated dual match records. Svensson is 4-0 at No. 6 singles, and has one win at No. 5 singles. Kristoffersen, seventh in the singles lineup, holds a 1-0 record at No. 6 singles.

Selkirk and Svensson also have one of four undefeated doubles records. The pair is 3-0 in dual matches and have competed at No. 3 all season.

MILESTONES: Junior **TOM CHICOINE** (Neeah, Wis.) is six wins from a career 75 singles victories. Chicoine currently

has 69 career singles wins, leading all active Golden Gophers. Additionally, Chicoine's 43 career doubles wins are seven shy of putting him into at least the 50-50 club, with 50 career singles and doubles wins. With one season still left, Chicoine could conceivably end his career with over 100 singles wins.

Selkirk is fast approaching 50 career singles wins, as he is just three victories shy of the mark. Only a sophomore, **MARTIN MICHALOWSKI** (Ottawa, Canada) already has 35 singles wins for his career.

Head Coach **DAVID GEATZ** earned the 300th victory of his coaching career with a 5-2 win over his alma mater, New Mexico, Jan. 16. Geatz currently has 181 wins in his 10th season with Minnesota and is 302-138 during his 14-plus years of coaching.

The program itself holds a 660-420-3 overall record in 51 seasons.



DOUBLE FIGURES: Minnesota's starting lineup features five of its six singles players with double digits in the win column. **TOM CHICOINE** carries a 14-9 record, followed by freshman **JORGE DUENAS** (Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic) who holds a 14-10 record. **MARTIN MICHALOWSKI** also carries a 14-9 record, while fellow Canadian countryman freshman **TYSON PARRY** (Chatham, Ontario) brings an 11-10 record to the court. Freshman **JON SVENSSON** is 11-8.

SCOREBOARD

Singles	Overall	Dual	Tourn.	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6
Tom Chicoine	14-9	1-4	13-5	1-4					
Adam Selkirk	6-11	2-2	4-9		2-2				
M. Michalowski	14-9	2-3	12-6	1-0	1-3				
Jorge Duenas	14-10	2-3	12-7			1-0	1-3		
Tyson Parry	11-10	3-2	8-8				0-1	3-1	
Jon Svensson	11-8	5-0	6-8					1-0	4-0
M. Kristoffersen	7-7	1-0	6-7						1-0
Ed Marques	2-8		2-8						
Voke Okoh	0-2		0-2						

Doubles	Overall	Dual	Tourn.	#1	#2	#3
Michalowski/Parry	12-7	1-4	11-3	1-4		
Chicoine/Duenas	8-7	3-1	5-6		3-1	
Duenas/Svensson	1-0	1-0	0-0		1-0	
Kristoffersen/Selkirk	1-0	1-0	0-0			1-0
Selkirk/Svensson	7-3	3-0	4-3			3-0
Kristoffersen/Svensson		3-1	1-0	2-1		1-0
Marques/Dvorak	1-1		1-1			
Marques/Okoh	1-1		1-1			

GOPHER FLASHES

DOUBLE TROUBLE: Minnesota has won the doubles competition in four out the five matches the team has competed in, sweeping all three matches from regional foe and powerhouse Notre Dame. The Golden Gophers are 10-4 in dual matches at the three doubles positions with four positional undefeated records.

Additionally, the Golden Gophers No. 1 doubles team of **MARTIN MICHALOWSKI** and **TYSON PARRY** (Chatham, Ontario) is ranked 30th in the nation.

UNDER PRESSURE: Freshman **TYSON PARRY** (Chatham, Ontario) proved he is ready to compete at the collegiate level after leading the Golden Gophers to a 4-3 upset of No. 24 Kansas Saturday, Feb. 14. Parry's No. 5 singles match was the decisive point for Minnesota who had won the doubles point against the Jayhawks and were down in the singles matches, 3-2. Whoever won at No. 5 would take the match. Fittingly it came down to two freshman, Parry and Jayhawk Ed Dus. Parry battled through the first set, taking it 7-6 with a 9-7 tie break. Parry dropped the second set 5-7, but bounced back to win the third and final set 6-2.

GOLF

THIS WEEK: The Golden Gopher men's golf team is idle until March 23-24 at the Georgia Tech Invitational.

TEAM STATS

DATE	TOURNAMENT	SCORES	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15	ReliaStar Collegiate Invite	287/286/282	855/1st out of 12
Sept. 27-28	Northern Collegiate Invite	296/288/294	878/T-2nd out of 17
Oct. 6-7	Nike Northwest Classic	301/299/295	895/T-13th out of 22
Oct. 10-11	Coca-Cola Classic	289/300/291	880/2nd out of 21
Feb. 16-17	Bridges All-American	286/301	587/3rd out of 18
Feb. 23-24	Puerto Rico Classic	297/298/290	885/T-4th out of 15

INDIVIDUAL STATS

Rob Kerr

TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15 ReliaStar Collegiate Invite	70/68/71	216	209/1st out of 65
Sept. 27-28 Northern Collegiate Invite	74/65/71	216	210/1st out of 90
Oct. 6-7 Nike Northwest Classic	75/76/75	216	226/T-56th out of 110
Oct. 10-11 Coca-Cola Classic	73/79/70	216	222/T-19th out of 111
Feb. 16-17 Bridges All-American	69/72	142	141/1st out of 90
Feb. 23-24 Puerto Rico Classic	76/73/72	216	221/T-17th out of 75
Rounds: 17 Strokes: 1229	Average: 72.3		

Jeff Barney

TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15 ReliaStar Coll. Invite*	71/73/70	216	214/T-4th out of 65
Sept. 27-28 Northern Collegiate Invite	79/78/75	216	232/T-53rd out of 90
Oct. 6-7 Nike Northwest Classic	78/76/74	216	228/T-7th out of 110
Rounds: 9 Strokes: 674	Average: 74.9		

Andy Komor

TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15 ReliaStar Collegiate Invite	72/71/72	216	215/T-6th out of 65
Sept. 27-28 Northern Collegiate Invite	74/73/76	216	223/T-18th out of 90
Oct. 6-7 Nike Northwest Classic	76/79/82	216	237/T-99th out of 110
Feb. 16-17 Bridges All-American	74/74	142	148/T-18th out of 90
Feb. 23-24 Puerto Rico Classic	76/83/75	216	234/T-57th out of 75
Rounds: 14 Strokes: 1057	Average: 75.5		

Adam Dooley

TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15 ReliaStar Collegiate Invite	74/77/70	216	221/T-28th out of 65
Oct. 10-11 Coca-Cola Classic	77/74/73	216	224/T-35th out of 111
Feb. 16-17 Bridges All-American	72/79	142	151/T-35th out of 90
Feb. 23-24 Puerto Rico Classic	80/80/76	216	236/T-62nd out of 75
Rounds: 11 Strokes: 832	Average: 75.6		

Matt Burgess

TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15 ReliaStar Coll. Invite*	76/76/71	216	223/T-37th out of 65
Oct. 10-11 Coca-Cola Classic	73/83/75	216	231/T-76th out of 111
Rounds: 6 Strokes: 454	Average: 75.7		

Justin Royer

TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15 ReliaStar Coll. Invite*	72/77/69	216	218/T-15th out of 65
Rounds: 3 Strokes: 218	Average: 72.7		

Bob Brink

TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15 ReliaStar Coll. Invite*	75/72/72	216	219/T-20th out of 65
Rounds: 3 Strokes: 219	Average: 73.0		

Bill Thompson

TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15 ReliaStar Collegiate Invite	71/73/71	216	215/T-6th out of 65
Sept. 27-28 Northern Collegiate Invite	76/72/75	216	223/T-18th out of 90
Oct. 6-7 Nike Northwest Classic	72/74/71	216	217/T-10th out of 110
Oct. 10-11 Coca-Cola Classic	71/73/76	216	220/T-13th out of 111
Feb. 16-17 Bridges All-American	76/76	142	152/T-38th out of 90
Rounds: 14 Strokes: 1027	Average: 73.4		

James McLean

TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Feb. 16-17 Bridges All-American	71/83	142	154/T-50th out of 90
Feb. 23-24 Puerto Rico Classic	73/73/68	216	214/5th out of 75
Rounds: 5 Strokes: 368	Average: 73.6		

Martin Le Mesurier

TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15 ReliaStar Collegiate Invite	78/74/70	216	222/T-32nd out of 65
Sept. 27-28 Northern Collegiate Invite	72/78/73	216	223/T-18th out of 90
Oct. 6-7 Nike Northwest Classic	79/73/75	216	227/T-59th out of 110
Oct. 10-11 Coca-Cola Classic	72/74/73	216	219/12th out of 111
Feb. 23-24 Puerto Rico Classic	72/72/75	216	219/T-11th out of 75
Rounds: 15 Strokes: 1110	Average: 74.0		

Santiago Fernandez

TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15 ReliaStar Coll. Invite*	83/83/78	216	244/64th out of 65
Rounds: 3 Strokes: 244	Average: 81.3		

Note: * indicates that the golfer competed as an individual and the scores did not count towards the team score



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THIS WEEK IN GOPHER SPORTS

Tues, March 10	☐ Baseball vs. St. Scholastica Metrodome 6:30 p.m.	Sat, March 14	☐ Hockey at Minnesota-Duluth First-Round WCHA Playoffs Duluth, Minn. MSC (Live) KSTP-AM (1500) 7:05 p.m.
Wed, March 11	☐ Baseball vs. Gustavus Adolphus Metrodome 6:30 p.m. <hr/> ☐ Basketball vs. Colorado State First round of NIT Williams Arena T.V. TBD WCCO-AM (830) (Live) 7:05 p.m.	Sun, March 1	☐ Diving at NCAA Diving Zones Oxford, Ohio 11 a.m. <hr/> ☐ Track & Field at NCAA Championships Indianapolis, Ind. All Day
Fri, March 13	☐ Baseball vs. Mankato State Metrodome KKMS-AM (980) (Live) 6:30 p.m. <hr/> ☐ Hockey at Minnesota-Duluth First-Round WCHA Playoffs Duluth, Minn. MSC (Live) KSTP-AM (1500) 7:05 p.m. <hr/> ☐ Diving at NCAA Diving Zones Oxford, Ohio 11 a.m. <hr/> ☐ Track & Field at NCAA Championships Indianapolis, Ind. All Day	Sun, March 1	☐ Hockey at Minnesota-Duluth (if needed) First-Round WCHA Playoffs Duluth, Minn. MSC (Live) KSTP-AM (1500) 7:05 p.m.

GOPHER HOTLINE

The Golden Gopher Hotline features daily interviews with players and coaches. It is available to the media 24 hours a day by calling (612) 625-7887. The hotline is broadcast quality and is changed by noon each day. This service is for media use only. The schedule for this week is as follows:

Tuesday, March 10:
 Head Minnesota Basketball Coach **CLEM HASKINS'** weekly press conference

Wednesday, March 11:
 Head Hockey Coach **DOUG WOOG** previews the first round of the WCHA playoffs against Minnesota-Duluth.

Thursday, March 12:
 Head Basketball Coach **CLEM HASKINS'** Colorado

State postgame comments

Friday, March 13:
 Duluth, Minn., natives **DAVE SPEHAR** and **DYLAN MILLS** preview the WCHA playoffs

Saturday and Sunday, March 14-15:
 Duluth, Minn., natives **DAVE SPEHAR** and **DYLAN MILLS** preview the WCHA playoffs

WEEKLY RELEASES

The University of Minnesota Men's Media Relations Office will be producing five separate releases during the 1997-98 academic year. Football, basketball, hockey and baseball information will be covered in sport-specific weekly releases, while information on "Olympic Sports" will appear each Monday in this release. Please refer any questions to the Men's Media Relations office at (612) 625-4090.

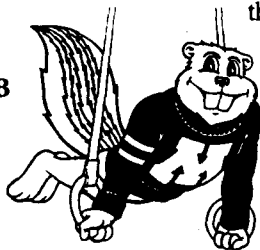
GYMNASTICS

THIS WEEK: The No. 14 Golden Gophers are idle this weekend.

LAST ACTION: Minnesota captured its first dual meet win of the season Saturday, March 7. The Golden Gophers defeated No. 15 Illinois-Chicago with a season-high score of 224.100. The Golden Gophers established or tied 13 personal career-high scores at that meet.

WHAT ABOUT BOB: Freshman walk-on **BOB GOSS** (Kenosha, Wis.) has been a pleasant surprise for Head Coach Fred Roethlisberger. With injuries to three scholarship athletes, Goss has provided the team a boost with his continued improvement over the season. Against Iowa, March 1, he set three career highs with a 9.250 on the floor exercise, a 9.450 on the pommel horse and a 9.500 on the parallel bars. Against UIC last weekend, Goss set two more personal bests with a 9.300 and an outstanding 9.575 on the vault.

A HOT WINTER: Another Golden Gopher newcomer making waves is sophomore **RYAN WINTERBOURNE** (Anaheim, Calif.). Although the still rings are one of the team's weakest events, Winterbourne has excelled. He has posted the team's top-three individual scores this season, including a 9.450 against UIC. Along with his second-place finish on the rings against the Flames, Winterbourne scored a career-high 9.500 on the floor exercise to claim the event title. He also captured third



place with a 9.400 on the parallel bars.

POMMEL DOMINATION: Minnesota's best event is the pommel horse. Entering last weekend's action, the Golden Gophers were ranked fourth in the country in that event, trailing Nebraska, Iowa and California. Leading the way are senior co-captain **GEORGE BEATTY** (Aberdeen, N.J.) and junior **JASON KROB** (St. Charles, Mo.). Against Illinois-Chicago, Beatty scored a career-high 9.775 en route to the event title.

Beatty has four first-place, one second-place and one third-place finishes. Krob has two first-place and four second-place finishes.

COACH ROETHLISBERGER: Head Coach Fred Roethlisberger is in his 27th year at the helm of the University of Minnesota Gymnastics program. Roethlisberger has led his team to 11 Big Ten Championships during his tenure and has a 171-73-1 (.710) career record.

INJURY FRONT: The Golden Gophers have been hampered by a rash of injuries to key contributors. **DAN BOOTS** (JR, Pearland, Texas), **TODD GUILBEAU** (FR, Houston, Texas) and **BOB HUBBARD** (SR, Phoenix, Ariz.) have all experienced season-ending injuries.

SCOREBOARD

1998 MEN'S GYMNASTICS SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Site/Result
Jan. 10	Alumni Meet	* L 213.90-221.85
Jan. 17	Windy City Invitational	7th/213.85
Jan. 31	Ohio State	L 217.95-226.35
Feb. 7	Illinois	L 221.070-216.550
Feb. 13	Michigan State	L 221.75-228.425
Feb. 14	Michigan	L 222.575-226.85
Feb. 27	Nebraska	L 221.275-229.575
Mar. 1	Iowa	L 222-90-226.40
Mar. 7	Illinois-Chicago	W 224.100-220.800
Mar. 20-21	Big Ten Championships	Ann Arbor, Mich.
April 4	NCAA East Regionals	Amherst, Mass.
April 16-18	NCAA Championships	University Park, Pa.

*Exhibition

GOPHER FLASHES

BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS: Minnesota finished fourth at the 1997 Big Ten Championships. This season, the University of Michigan will host the event in Ann Arbor, Mich., March 20-21. The Golden Gophers last won the Big Ten Championship in 1995, led by current assistant coach Brian Yee. Yee, an All-American selection that year, finished second in the all-around and went on the finish 7th at the NCAA Championships.

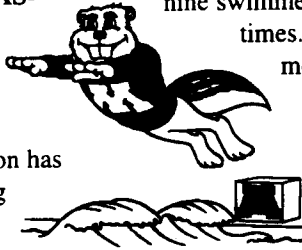
NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS: The Golden Gophers are looking to get back to the NCAA Championships in University Park, Pa., April 16-18, for the first time since 1993. The NCAA East Regionals are set for April 4 in Amherst, Mass.

SWIMMING & DIVING

THIS WEEK: The Golden Gopher (7-1 overall, 3-1 Big Ten) swimmers will rest and prepare for the NCAA Championships, March 26-28 in Auburn, Ala., while the divers will travel to Oxford, Ohio for the NCAA Diving Zones, Friday and Saturday, March 13-14.

TAKE THE PLUNGE: Freshman **DAN CROASTON** (Champlin, Minn.) and senior **MATT NINNEMAN** (Madison, Wis.) will represent the U of M at the NCAA Diving Zones. Divers who wish to compete in the field of 35 at the NCAA Championships must qualify at diving zones. Croaston has been the U of M's top diver all season. After winning all but one competition during the regular season, he fared well at the Big Ten Championships. Croaston got the freshman jitters out of the way, placing 12th on the 1-meter springboard the first day of competition and rebounded to take fourth on the 3-meter and eighth on the platform. Ninneman took 16th on the 1-meter and 23rd on the 3-meter at Big Tens.

MEETING THE STANDARD: The Golden Gophers have had 29 NCAA consideration times posted this season along with nine NCAA automatic times. Senior **TY BATHURST** (Albuquerque, N.M.) automatically qualified in the 50-yard freestyle, juniors **JOHN CAHOY** (Hudson, Wis.) and **MARTIN ZIELINSKI** (Bloomington, Minn.) automatically qualified in



the 100-yard butterfly, sophomore **YOAV MEIRI** (Jerusalem, Israel) automatically qualified in the 200-yard butterfly, and freshman **ALEX MASSURA** (Belo Horizonte, Brazil) automatically qualified in the 100-yard and 200-yard backstroke. Additionally, freshman **BRANDON SCHINDLER** (Saratoga, Calif.), junior **LUIS LOPEZ** (Aurora, Colo.) and seniors **ERIEK HULSEMAN** (Edina, Minn.) and **JEREMY RIENTS** (Apple Valley, Minn.) automatically qualified for the NCAAs because of their participation on qualifying relay teams. The nine swimmers have also swam a combined 18 consideration times. Because they qualified automatically, the swimmers can compete in their consideration events as well. A swimmer can not, however, swim in more than seven events.

RECORDS, RECORDS, RECORDS:

A total of 12 records were set at the Big Ten Championships. Minnesota freshman **ALEX MASSURA** (Belo Horizonte, Brazil) was a part of six of those. Massura, who took second in the 100-yard and 200-yard backstroke, set Minnesota school and freshman records in both backstroke events and swam with the 400-yard medley relay and 400-yard freestyle relay teams. Junior **MARTIN ZIELINSKI** (Bloomington, Minn.) and senior **JEREMY RIENTS** (Apple Valley, Minn.) each were a part of both the 400-yard medley record-setting team, while Zielinski set a record with the 200-yard medley team and Rients set another mark with the 400-yard freestyle relay.

SCOREBOARD

1998 Big Ten Champions
OVERALL RECORD: 7-1; BIG TEN RECORD: 3-1
TOP INDIVIDUAL EVENT TIMES
(1997-98)

50 FREE — 19.80!*, Ty Bathurst (prelim, Big Tens)
100 FREE — 44.03^*, John Cahoy (2nd, Big Tens)
200 FREE — 1:38.88^, Jeremy Rients (9th, Big Tens)
500 FREE — 4:24.72^, Bill Bishop (5th, Big Tens)
1000 FREE — 9:21.53, Bill Bishop (1st, vs. UNC)
1650 FREE — 15:18.50^, Bill Bishop (4th, Big Tens)
100 BACK — 47.42!*#+, Alex Massura (2nd, Big Tens)
200 BACK — 1:43.57!*#+, Alex Massura (2nd, Big Tens)
100 BREAST — 55.03*^, Ty Bathurst (prelim, Big Tens)
200 BREAST — 2:02.55*, Oscar Godoi (prelim, Big Tens)
100 FLY — 47.10!, Martin Zielinski (prelim, Big Tens)
200 FLY — 1:47.44^, Martin Zielinski (2nd, Big Tens)
200 IM — 1:48.55^*, Alex Massura (prelim, Big Tens)
400 IM — 3:50.99^*, Bill Bishop (2nd, Big Tens)

* personal best
^ NCAA consideration
! NCAA automatic
+ Minnesota Varsity Record
Minnesota Freshman Record

GOPHER FLASHES

THE SUM OF THE PARTS...: The Golden Gophers won three relay titles and one individual title during Big Ten Championships, but claimed the Big Ten title more on depth and teamwork than individuality. Minnesota had 10 individuals make the finals the last day of competition to help pick up points.

Senior **TY BATHURST** won Minnesota's only individual title as he claimed the 50-yard freestyle after finishing second the past two seasons in the event. It was the Maroon and Gold's first 50-yard freestyle crown since 1992.

The relay teams finished first on three occasions and second twice. The 200-yard medley relay set a new school and Big Ten record Friday with an NCAA automatic qualifying time of 1:27.92, while the first-place 400-yard freestyle relay team set a Minnesota school record Saturday with an NCAA automatic qualifying time of 2:55.03. The 400-yard medley team, which took second place, set another new Minnesota school record with an NCAA consideration time of 3:13.17.

COACH'S CALL: Head Coach Dennis Dale was rewarded for preparing his team so well with his third Big Ten Coach of the Year distinction. Dale also won in 1989 and 1996.

TRACK & FIELD

THIS WEEK: A select group of Golden Gopher athletes will compete at the NCAA Indoor Championships held in Indianapolis, Ind., Friday and Saturday, March 13-14.

REWIND TO 1997: Minnesota took two competitors to last year's NCAA Indoor Championships and finished 10th in the team competition. Sophomore **STAFFAN STRAND** (Uppsland-Vasby, Sweden) took second in the high jump with a leap of 7-5 (2.26m) and senior **TYE HARVEY** (Jamestown, Calif.) finished second in the pole vault with a Minnesota school-record vault of 18-2 1/2 (5.55m). Both athletes received All-American distinction.

LUCKY NUMBER: Minnesota has scored 14 provisionally qualifying performances for the NCAA Indoor Championship in Indianapolis, Ind., March 13-14. **STAFFAN STRAND** has automatically qualified twice with his best high jump coming at 7-6 1/2 (2.30m) at the Minnesota Invitational (1/24). **NILES DENEEN** has qualified provisionally five times in the 55-meter hurdles, while junior **VESA RANTANEN** (Virrat, Finland) has qualified in the pole vault three times. Senior **TYE HARVEY** (Jamestown, Calif.) qualified in the pole vault, and senior **CHAD YENCHESKY** (DePere, Wis.) qualified in the shot put.



FOR THE RECORD: Minnesota already had broken four school records heading into the conference championship, and left with two more fallen marks and a tied mark. Freshman **TOM GERDING** (Waconia, Minn.) had established new Minnesota freshman times in the 400-meter and 600-meter dash but went into Purdue and broke his previous freshman-best time of 1:16.19 in the 600-meter dash. In the trials Saturday, Gerding smashed both his record and the Lambert Field House record, posting a time of 1:19.09. Gerding's record would later be broken in the finals, but the freshman would take fourth with a time of 1:19.60.

Sophomore **STAFFAN STRAND** (Uppsland-Vasby, Sweden) won his second consecutive high jump title, tying his Big Ten meet record from a year ago of 7-4 1/2 (2.25m). Junior **BENJAMIN JENSEN** (Mandal, Norway) also broke his own school and Big Ten mark in the heptathlon, winning the event for the second straight year with 5,769 points. Senior **NILES DENEEN** (St. Paul, Minn.) ran his school-record time of 7.31 for the fourth time this year in the 55-meter hurdles. The time was good for third place and NCAA provisional qualification.

SCOREBOARD

TOP INDOOR PERFORMANCES

55m Dash -- Fred Rodgers, 6.33 (1/31)
60m Dash -- Fred Rodgers, 6.53 (2/13)
55m Hurdles -- Niles Deneen, 7.31* & \$ (1/31, 2/13)
60m Hurdles -- Benjamin Jensen, 8.03 (2/13)
200m Dash -- Fred Rodgers, 22.03 (2/28)
400m Dash -- Tom Gerding, 47.91\$# (2/7)
500m Dash -- Adam Freed, 1:05.90 (2/13)
600m Dash -- Scott Beadle, 1:18.93 (2/28)
800m Run -- Jason Owen, 1:52.02 (2/28)
Mile Run -- Sami Valtonen, 4:06.58 (2/7)
3,000m Run -- Nate Clay, 8:28.63 (2/27)
5,000m Run -- Tony Riter, 14:31.18 (2/28)
High Jump -- Staffan Strand, 7-6 1/2 (2.30)! & @ ^ \$ (1/24)
Pole Vault -- Tye Harvey, 17-9 1/4 (5.42m)* (2/27)
Long Jump -- Marcus Westberry, 23-7 1/4 (7.19m) (2/27)
Triple Jump -- Marcus Westberry, 49-3 (15.01) (2/27)
Shot Put -- Chad Yenchesky, 59-4 1/4 (18.08m)* \$ (1/24)
Weight Throw -- Ben Meyer, 54-10 (16.71m) (2/13)
Pentathlon -- Jesse Madsen%, 3,289 (1/24)
Heptathlon -- Benjamin Jensen, 5,769 (2/28)

Key:

* NCAA Provisional
! NCAA Automatic
& Minnesota School Record
@ Field House Record
^ Big Ten Record
\$ Personal Best
U of M Freshman Record

GOPHER FLASHES

IT'S A FIRST!: The University of Minnesota took home its first Big Ten Indoor Championship at Purdue University, Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 28-March 1. The Golden Gophers upended three-time defending champion Wisconsin on the strength of two individual event titles.

Minnesota earned points in all but two events, one of which had no Golden Gopher entries.

The Golden Gophers, who had not won a Big Ten track and field title since the outdoor team won in 1968, finished 14 points ahead of the Badgers.

BACK-TO-BACK: The men's track and field team added an extra-special punch to the weekend with its Big Ten Championship. Saturday night the men's swimming and diving team captured its second Big Ten crown of the 1990s, and less than 24 hours later the track and field team brought another Big Ten Championship home to Minneapolis. The double whammy marked the first time since 1995 that two Big Ten Championships were won in the same year. The two championships within one sports season had not been done since 1992, but remarkably it was not the first time two Big Ten titles were won in one weekend. In 1982 the men's basketball team captured the outright Big Ten title on March 6 with a 87-75 win over Ohio State. On March 7, the men's gymnastics team won the Big Ten title in Wisconsin by a margin of .90 points.

WRESTLING

THIS WEEK: The No. 4 Golden Gophers (19-2, 6-2 Big Ten) take a week and a half off to regroup and prepare for the NCAA Championships, which will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, March 19-21.

MINNESOTA SETTLES FOR THIRD AT BIG TENS: Minnesota battled to a disappointing third place at this year's Big Ten Championships hosted by Penn State University over the weekend in the Bryce Jordan Center. With 107 team points, the Golden Gophers trailed Iowa, which won its 25th consecutive conference title with 132.5 points, and host Penn State, which finished second with 120.5. Iowa crowned three individual championships and Michigan had two.

HARTUNG DEFENDS BIG TEN TITLE: Junior **TIM HARTUNG** (Durand, Wis.), ranked No. 2 in the nation at 190 pounds, won his second straight Big Ten title with a 3-1 sudden-death decision over Iowa's Lee Fullhart. It was No. 1-seeded Hartung's second win of the season against Fullhart. Last season, Hartung won the Golden Gophers' only Big Ten title with a 3-1 overtime decision against Michigan State's defending champion Brian Picklo. With his 190-pound title, Hartung becomes the first Golden Gopher since current assistant head coach **MARTY MORGAN** to win back-to-back conference titles. Morgan captured 177-pound crowns in 1990 and 1991.



NINE GOLDEN GOPHERS QUALIFY FOR NCAAS: Hartung and eight other Golden Gophers qualified for the NCAA Championships in Cleveland with their performances at the Big Ten Championships. The top seven placemen in each weight class and a wildcard selection by the coaches advance to the national tournament.

Seniors **JASON DAVIDS** (Forest Lake, Minn.) and **SHELTON BENJAMIN** (Orangeburg, S.C.) each made it to the championship finals in their weight classes but had to settle for second. Davids, the No. 2 seed at 142, pounds, matched his finish from one season ago, losing to Iowa's No. 1 seed Jeff McGinness in a 6-0 decision. Benjamin, the No. 1 seed at heavyweight, improved on its sixth-place showing last year, taking second after a 5-3 loss to Michigan's No. 2 seeded Airron Richardson in the finals. Two Golden Gophers placed third with their performances at Big Tens. Junior **CHAD KRAFT** (Lakefield, Minn.) took third with a 6-2 win over Wisconsin's Don Pritzlaff. Kraft, the No. 3 seed in a bracket that had the nation's top three wrestlers at 150 pounds, earned a bye in the first round of the tournament and defeated No. 6 Mickey Griffin of Purdue 6-2. In the semifinals, Kraft was dealt his only loss of the tournament in a 2-1 double overtime loss to Penn State's Clint Musser, the No. 2 seed and second-ranked wrestler in the country.

Junior **JOSH HOLIDAY** (Anaheim, Calif.) entered the tournament as the No. 1 seed at 158 pounds but lost his first match in the quarterfinals to drop to the consolation rounds. He rebounded with three wins before decisioning Michigan State's Greg DeGrand 8-5 to place third.

Sophomore **BRANDON EGGUM** (Sidney, Mont.), the No. 4

SCOREBOARD

TOP INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

Wt.	Name	Overall	Total	Dual	Big Ten	Pins
118	Brett Lawrence	16-10	16-10	11-9	2-5	3
	Leroy Vega	11-2	11-2	0-0	0-0	1
	Julio Alaniz	6-4	6-4	0-0	0-0	0
	Brandon Paulson	4-2	4-2	1-0	1-0	1
	Bart Golyer	20-8	19-7	9-4	3-4	7
126	Pat Connors	17-4	9-4	5-3	1-0	4
	Chad Erikson	11-3	11-3	0-0	0-0	3
134	Ty Friederichs	11-7	11-7	0-0	0-0	1
	Pat Connors		8-0	4-0	0-0	3
	Bart Golyer		1-1	1-1	0-0	0
	Josh Krebs	11-6	11-6	2-1	0-0	3
	Troy Marr	28-9	14-7	8-4	5-3	2
142	Jason Davids	32-3	32-3	19-2	6-2	15
	Joe Calavitta	8-2	8-2	0-0	0-0	2
	Troy Marr		14-1	0-0	0-0	0
150	Chad Kraft	22-2	21-2	17-1	6-1	2
	Brad Pike	15-5	15-5	0-2	0-1	3
	Eddie Pak	5-6	5-6	0-0	0-0	0
	Troy Marr		0-1	0-1	0-0	0
158	Tim Kinsella	13-2	13-2	1-0	0-0	1
	Jesse Krebs	6-5	6-5	0-1	0-0	0
	Josh Holiday	29-3	29-3	16-2	6-1	4
	Chad Kraft		1-0	1-0	1-0	0
167	Delaney Berger	18-2	16-1	2-0	0-0	2
	Zac Taylor	29-8	29-8	15-4	5-3	7
	Mike Cuperus	14-2	14-2	0-0	0-0	5
	Matt Kraft	6-2	6-2	0-0	0-0	0
177	Brandon Eggum	24-4	24-4	14-2	1-2	6
	Kenneth Howard	3-3	3-3	0-0	0-0	1
	Delaney Berger		3-1	3-1	3-1	1
190	Tim Hartung	31-1	31-1	20-1	8-0	19
	Owen Elzen	7-4	7-4	0-0	0-0	4
HWT	Shelton Benjamin	30-5	30-5	16-3	7-1	10
	Brent Boeshans	13-4	13-4	2-0	0-0	1

GOPHER FLASHES

MINNESOTA SLIPS TO FOURTH IN NATIONAL POLLS: The Golden Gophers finished the season ranked fourth in the final *NWCA/Amateur Wrestling News* rankings for the fourth consecutive week. It is the lowest ranking for the Golden Gophers which started the season in third and moved to second on Jan. 8. The team spent three weeks in second and two in third before slipping to fourth on Feb. 12.

LATEST RANKINGS: Individually, All-American and defending Big Ten champion **TIM HARTUNG** is the top-ranked Golden Gophers in the March 3 *Intermat/W.I.N.* rankings. Hartung is ranked second at 190 pounds.

Junior **CHAD KRAFT**, a two-time All-American who took third at the NCAAs last year, is ranked third at 150 pounds after a tough loss to Penn State's then No. 3-ranked Clint Musser two weeks ago. Senior **JASON DAVIDS** stayed in fifth in the latest rankings at 142 pounds after holding the top spot for much of the year.

Other ranked Minnesota wrestlers include junior **TROY MARR** who is the ninth ranked wrestler at 134, senior All-American **SHELTON BENJAMIN**, fifth at heavyweight, junior All-American **PAT CONNORS**, sixth at 126, senior **ZAC TAYLOR**, ninth at 167, junior **JOSH HOLIDAY**, sixth at 158 and sophomore **BRANDON EGGUM**, 13th at 177.

Senior **BRANDON PAULSON** made his first appearance of the season last week and is listed as the nation's 15th-best wrestler at 118 pounds.

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seed at 177, took fourth after a double-overtime 6-2 loss to Illinois' Jevon Herman, the No. 1 seed, in the semifinals to drop him to the consolation bracket. Eggum lost to Penn State's Rob Neidlinger 3-2 in a tough third-place match to finish fourth. Senior **ZAC TAYLOR** (Sandpoint, Idaho), seeded fourth at 167 pounds, took sixth with a 5-4 loss to Michigan State's Will Hill in the consolation finals.

Senior **BRANDON PAULSON** (Coon Rapids, Minn.) and junior **TROY MARR** (Wyoming, Minn.) each took seventh. Paulson returned to the mat after nearly a year, winning his first match of the tournament before dropping to the consolation bracket. Paulson pinned Michigan's Chris Viola in 6:30 to take seventh. Marr decisioned Purdue's Eric Kerkhof 4-0 in the consolation finals to finish seventh.

Junior **BART GOLYER** (Cedar, Minn.) was the only Golden Gopher who did not qualify for NCAAAs. Golyer had one of the toughest draws in the tournament, facing No. 1 Eric Jetton of Wisconsin in the first round and the No. 2 seed Carl Perry of Illinois in the consolation first round.

DAVIDS IS SCHOOL RECORD HOLDER IN DUAL-MEET WINS: Two-time All-American **JASON DAVIDS** became the all-time school record two weeks ago in Purdue. Davids finished 19-2 in dual action this season and 79-12-0 for his career. He tied former Golden Gopher Willy Short (1989-1994) with 78 career dual-meet victories after 16-7 major dec. over Northwestern's Malik Elliot on Feb. 20. Davids then decisioned No. 4 Willie Wineberg 6-1 of Purdue to take the record two days later. Short finished his career with a 78-18-2 mark in dual-meet action.

On pace to have his third consecutive 30-win season, Davids is also nearing the top of school lists for all-time career victories and pins. With three wins at Big Tens, he moved into a tie for third with Tim Harris (127-47-0/1991-95) in career wins with a 127-25-0 record and in third place for career pins with 36.

DENTING THE RECORD BOOK: Several other Golden Gophers are also climbing their way into Minnesota's record book. Senior **ZAC TAYLOR** is currently seventh all time with a career record of 116-32-0.

In just three seasons, juniors **TIM HARTUNG** and **CHAD KRAFT** have also moved their way into the Golden Gopher record book. Hartung is tied for 15th place with a career mark of 89-21-0. Kraft is now tied for 18th with a career mark of 82-18-0. Hartung is also nearing the top of the school list for career pins. He is currently in third with 35 career wins by fall, including a team-leading 19 this season.

With his return on Feb. 20, senior **BRANDON PAULSON** is also moving up the ladder. Currently, he is tied with Kraft for 18th all time with an 82-32-0 career mark.

MINNESOTA SETS SCHOOL MARK FOR ATTENDANCE: The Golden Gophers set a school record this year when 11,284 fans turned out to watch Iowa defeat Minnesota 20-12 on Jan. 23. The attendance mark surpasses the old record set Feb. 3, 1980, when 9,225 fans watched Iowa State defeat the Golden Gophers 19-18 at Williams Arena. The NCAA record for attendance at a dual meet was set Feb. 22, 1992, when 15,291 fans watched Iowa defeat Iowa State 29-8 at Carver-Hawkeye Arena in Iowa City.

EIGHT 20-MATCH WINNERS IN LINEUP: Eight Golden Gophers in the starting lineup have won at least 20 matches this season. Senior **JASON DAVIDS** (142) leads the team with a 32-3 record. Junior **TIM HARTUNG** (190) is second on the team at 31-1, and senior **SHELTON BENJAMIN**

(HWT) is third at 30-5. Other 20-match winners include junior **TROY MARR** (134) at 28-9, senior **ZAC TAYLOR** (167) at 29-8, junior **JOSH HOLIDAY** at 29-3, sophomore **BRANDON EGGUM** (177) at 24-4 and junior **CHAD KRAFT** (150) at 22-2.

IN THE CONFERENCE: Eight Minnesota wrestlers are ranked in the Feb. 16 Big Ten Coaches poll, including two who are ranked No. 1 in their respective weight classes.

Junior **TIM HARTUNG** is ranked No. 1 at 190 pounds for the second consecutive poll and junior **JOSH HOLIDAY** moved into first at 158 pounds with a 4-1 record in the Big Ten.

Other ranked Minnesota wrestlers include senior **JASON DAVIDS** second at 142; junior **CHAD KRAFT** second at 150 pounds after being ranked No. 1 all season; junior **TROY MARR**, fifth at 134; senior **ZAC TAYLOR**, fourth at 167; sophomore **BRANDON EGGUM**, fourth at 177; and senior **SHELTON BENJAMIN**, third at heavyweight.

Minnesota at the 1998 Big Ten Championships

First Round (seed listed before name):

118 - Brandon Paulson (UM) dec. No. 5 Pat Cassidy (IND) 6-3
126 - No. 1 Eric Jetton (WIS) dec. Bart Golyer (UM) 15-10
134 - No. 5 Troy Marr (UM) dec. Tony Siebert (ILL) 4-1
142 - No. 2 Jason Davids (UM) tech. fall Corey Grant (MICH) 23-8, 6:40
167 - No. 4 Zac Taylor (UM) tech. fall Sean Salmon (OSU) 21-6, 5:09
Consolation First Round:

118 - Brandon Paulson (UM) dec. Dominic Caruso (NU) 5-3
126 - No. 2 Carl Perry (ILL) dec. Bart Golyer (UM) 11-9 (ot)
158 - No. 1 Josh Holiday (UM) dec. Steve Bucciero (NU) 6-0
Quarterfinals:

118 - No. 4 Tim Derlan (PUR) dec. Brandon Paulson (UM) 3-1
134 - No. 4 Jeff Bucher (OSU) dec. No. 5 Troy Marr (UM) 3-1
142 - No. 2 Jason Davids (UM) pinned Mike Castillo (PUR) 3:42
150 - No. 3 Chad Kraft (UM) dec. No. 6 Mickey Griffin (PUR) 6-2
158 - Dan DiCesare (OSU) dec. No. 1 Josh Holiday (UM) 4-3
167 - No. 4 Zac Taylor (UM) major dec. No. 5 Kole Clauson (WIS) 12-3
177 - No. 4 Brandon Eggum (UM) dec. No. 5 Paul Jenn (IOWA) 9-2
190 - No. 1 Tim Hartung (UM) pinned Joe Terrill (WIS) 2:20
Hwt - No. 1 Shelton Benjamin (UM) pinned Mike Dixon (IND) 2:55
Consolation Quarterfinals:

118 - Scott Clough (WIS) dec. Brandon Paulson (UM) 3-1
126 - Issac Miller (MSU) dec. No. 5 Troy Marr (UM) 7-5
158 - No. 1 Josh Holiday (UM) dec. Cory Wallman (WIS) 2-1
Championship Semifinals:

142 - No. 2 Jason Davids (UM) dec. No. 3 Jamarr Billman (PSU) 8-6
150 - No. 2 Clint Musser (PSU) dec. No. 3 Chad Kraft (UM) 2-1 (2ot)
167 - No. 1 Joe Williams (IOWA) dec. No. 4 Zac Taylor (UM) 9-4
177 - No. 1 Jevon Herman (ILL) dec. No. 4 Brandon Eggum (UM) 6-2 (2ot)
190 - No. 1 Tim Hartung (UM) major dec. No. 5 Ross Thatcher (PSU) 11-1
Hwt - No. 1 Shelton Benjamin (UM) dec. No. 4 Wes Hand (IOWA) 6-3
Consolation Semifinals:

150 - No. 3 Chad Kraft (UM) major dec. Drew Pariano (NU) 8-0
158 - No. 1 Josh Holiday (UM) major dec. No. 3 Eric Douglas (PUR) 12-3
167 - No. 3 Glenn Pritzlaff (PSU) dec. No. 4 Zac Taylor (UM) 6-2
177 - No. 4 Brandon Eggum (UM) dec. Steve Alf (WIS) 7-1
Championship Finals:

142 - No. 1 Jeff McGinness (IOWA) dec. No. 2 Jason Davids (UM) 6-0
190 - No. 1 Tim Hartung (UM) dec. No. 2 Lee Fullhart (IOWA) 3-1 (ot)
Hwt - No. 2 Airon Richardson (MICH) dec. No. 1 S. Benjamin (UM) 5-3
Third-Place Matches:

150 - No. 3 Chad Kraft (UM) dec. Don Pritzlaff (WIS) 6-2
158 - No. 1 Josh Holiday dec. No. 4 Greg DeGrand (MSU) 8-5
177 - No. 3 Rob Neidlinger (PSU) dec. No. 4 Brandon Eggum (UM) 3-2
Fifth-Place Matches:

167 - Will Hill (MSU) dec. No. 4 Zac Taylor (UM) 5-4
Seventh-Place Matches:

118 - Brandon Paulson (UM) pinned Chris Viola (MICH) 6:30
134 - No. 5 Troy Marr (UM) dec. Eric Kerkhof (PUR) 4-0



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THIS WEEK IN GOPHER SPORTS

Mon., March 16	☒ Basketball	vs. Alabama-Birmingham NIT Second Round Williams Arena WCCO-AM (830) (Live) 7:05 p.m.
Thurs., March 19	☒ Wrestling	at NCAA Championships Cleveland, Ohio Fox Sports Net (Tape Delayed) All Day
Fri., March 20	☒ Wrestling	at NCAA Championships Cleveland, Ohio Fox Sports Net (Tape Delayed) All Day
Sat., March 14	☒ Gymnastics	at Big Ten Championships Ann Arbor, Mich. 7 p.m.
	☒ Wrestling	at NCAA Championships Cleveland, Ohio Fox Sports Net (Tape Delayed) All Day

Sun., March 15	☒ Gymnastics	at Big Ten Championships Ann Arbor, Mich. 7 p.m.
	☒ Wrestling	at NCAA Championships Cleveland, Ohio Fox Sports Net (Tape Delayed) All Day
Mon., March 23	☒ Golf	at Georgia Tech Invitational Atlanta, Ga. All Day
	☒ Tennis	at South Alabama Mobile, Ala. 1 p.m.
Tues., March 24	☒ Golf	at Georgia Tech Invitational Atlanta, Ga. All Day

OF NOTE...

If the U of M basketball team wins Monday, it is not yet determined when or where the team will play. However, if they do win and host the next game, Clem Haskins' postgame comments will be available to the media via the Golden Gopher hotline following the game and all day the next day. All other scheduled appearances on the hotline will then shift back a day.

GOPHER HOTLINE	
The Golden Gopher Hotline features daily interviews with players and coaches. It is available to the media 24 hours a day by calling (612) 625-7887. The hotline is broadcast quality and is changed by noon each day. This service is for media use only. The schedule for this week is as follows:	
<p>Tuesday, March 17: Head Minnesota Basketball Coach CLEM HASKINS' postgame comments from the UAB game</p> <p>Wednesday, March 18: Head Wrestling Coach J ROBINSON previews the NCAA Championships.</p>	<p>Thursday, March 19: Head Gymnastics Coach FRED ROTH LISBERGER previews the Big Ten Championships.</p> <p>Friday, March 20: Head Baseball Coach JOHN ANDERSON talks about the Golden Gophers' successful season.</p>

WEEKLY RELEASES

The University of Minnesota Men's Media Relations Office will be producing five separate releases during the 1997-98 academic year. Football, basketball, hockey and baseball information will be covered in sport-specific weekly releases, while information on "Olympic Sports" will appear each Monday in this release. Please refer any questions to the Men's Media Relations office at (612) 625-4090.

GOLF

THIS WEEK: The Golden Gopher men's golf team will compete March 23-24 at the Georgia Tech Invitational.

TEAM STATS

DATE	TOURNAMENT	SCORES	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15	ReliaStar Collegiate Invite	287/286/282	855/1st out of 12
Sept. 27-28	Northern Collegiate Invite	296/288/294	878/T-2nd out of 17
Oct. 6-7	Nike Northwest Classic	301/299/295	895/T-13th out of 22
Oct. 10-11	Coca-Cola Classic	289/300/291	880/2nd out of 21
Feb. 16-17	Bridges All-American	286/301	587/3rd out of 18
Feb. 23-24	Puerto Rico Classic	297/298/290	885/T-4th out of 15

INDIVIDUAL STATS

Rob Kerr

TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15 ReliaStar Collegiate Invite	70/68/71	216	209/1st out of 65
Sept. 27-28 Northern Collegiate Invite	74/65/71	216	210/1st out of 90
Oct. 6-7 Nike Northwest Classic	75/76/75	216	226/T-56th out of 110
Oct. 10-11 Coca-Cola Classic	73/79/70	216	222/T-19th out of 111
Feb. 16-17 Bridges All-American	69/72	142	141/1st out of 90
Feb. 23-24 Puerto Rico Classic	76/73/72	216	221/T-17th out of 75
Rounds: 17 Strokes: 1229		Average: 72.3	

Jeff Barney

TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15 ReliaStar Coll. Invite*	71/73/70	216	214/T-4th out of 65
Sept. 27-28 Northern Collegiate Invite	79/78/75	216	232/T-53rd out of 90
Oct. 6-7 Nike Northwest Classic	78/76/74	216	228/T-70th out of 110
Rounds: 9 Strokes: 674		Average: 74.9	

Andy Komor

TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15 ReliaStar Collegiate Invite	72/71/72	216	215/T-6th out of 65
Sept. 27-28 Northern Collegiate Invite	74/73/76	216	223/T-18th out of 90
Oct. 6-7 Nike Northwest Classic	76/79/82	216	237/T-99th out of 110
Feb. 16-17 Bridges All-American	74/74	142	148/T-18th out of 90
Feb. 23-24 Puerto Rico Classic	76/83/75	216	234/T-57th out of 75
Rounds: 14 Strokes: 1057		Average: 75.5	

Adam Dooley

TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15 ReliaStar Collegiate Invite	74/77/70	216	221/T-28th out of 65
Oct. 10-11 Coca-Cola Classic	77/74/73	216	224/T-35th out of 111
Feb. 16-17 Bridges All-American	72/79	142	151/T-35th out of 90
Feb. 23-24 Puerto Rico Classic	80/80/76	216	236/T-62nd out of 75
Rounds: 11 Strokes: 832		Average: 75.6	

Matt Burgess

TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15 ReliaStar Coll. Invite*	76/76/71	216	223/T-37th out of 65
Oct. 10-11 Coca-Cola Classic	73/83/75	216	231/T-76th out of 111
Rounds: 6 Strokes: 454		Average: 75.7	

Justin Royer

TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15 ReliaStar Coll. Invite*	72/77/69	216	218/T-15th out of 65
Rounds: 3 Strokes: 218		Average: 72.7	

Bob Brink

TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15 ReliaStar Coll. Invite*	75/72/72	216	219/T-20th out of 65
Rounds: 3 Strokes: 219		Average: 73.0	

Bill Thompson

TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15 ReliaStar Collegiate Invite	71/73/71	216	215/T-6th out of 65
Sept. 27-28 Northern Collegiate Invite	76/72/75	216	223/T-18th out of 90
Oct. 6-7 Nike Northwest Classic	72/74/71	216	217/T-10th out of 110
Oct. 10-11 Coca-Cola Classic	71/73/76	216	220/T-13th out of 111
Feb. 16-17 Bridges All-American	76/76	142	152/T-38th out of 90
Rounds: 14 Strokes: 1027		Average: 73.4	

James McLean

TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Feb. 16-17 Bridges All-American	71/83	142	154/T-50th out of 90
Feb. 23-24 Puerto Rico Classic	73/73/68	216	214/5th out of 75
Rounds: 5 Strokes: 368		Average: 73.6	

Martin Le Mesurier

TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15 ReliaStar Collegiate Invite	78/74/70	216	222/T-32nd out of 65
Sept. 27-28 Northern Collegiate Invite	72/78/73	216	223/T-18th out of 90
Oct. 6-7 Nike Northwest Classic	79/73/75	216	227/T-59th out of 110
Oct. 10-11 Coca-Cola Classic	72/74/73	216	219/12th out of 111
Feb. 23-24 Puerto Rico Classic	72/72/75	216	219/T-11th out of 75
Rounds: 15 Strokes: 1110		Average: 74.0	

Santiago Fernandez

TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15 ReliaStar Coll. Invite*	83/83/78	216	244/64th out of 65
Rounds: 3 Strokes: 244		Average: 81.3	

Note: * indicates that the golfer competed as an individual and the scores did not count towards the team score

GYMNASTICS

THIS WEEK: The No. 14 Golden Gophers compete at the Big Ten Championships this Friday and Saturday hosted by the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Mich.

LAST YEAR AT BIG TENS: Minnesota captured fourth place at the 1997 Big Ten Championships at the Sports Pavilion. Sophomore **LINDSEY FANG** (Allentown, Pa.) was the Gophers' highest individual finisher with a 9.500 on the vault, good for seventh place. In the all-around competition, Fang established career-highs with a 9.400 on the floor exercise and a 9.575 on the pommel horse as he finished in 15th place.



LAST ACTION: The Golden Gophers defeated No. 15 Illinois-Chicago, March 7, with a season-high score of 224.100 en route to capturing their first meet of the season. Minnesota's gymnasts established or tied 13 personal career-highs.

ROETHLISBERGER'S REIGN: Head Coach Fred Roethlisberger, in his 27th year at the helm, has led his team to 11 Big Ten Championships. In fact, his teams have never finished lower than fourth place.

THE NEWCOMERS: Several Golden Gopher newcomers will be competing in their first Big Ten Championship meet. Their improvement as the season has progressed has Coach Roethlisberger optimistic about this weekend's competition.

Sophomore **RYAN WINTERBOURNE** (Anaheim, Calif.) has been a bright spot on the still rings. He has posted the team's three highest scores in the event, including a 9.500 against Illinois, February 7. Freshman walk-on **BOB GOSS** (Kenosha, Wis.) has set five career-highs in his past two meets. Against Illinois-Chicago, Goss captured second place with a 9.575 on the vault.

POMMEL DOMINATION: Minnesota's best event is the pommel horse. The Golden Gophers are ranked fourth in the country in that event, trailing Nebraska, Iowa and California. The Golden Gophers defeated the Cornhuskers and Hawkeyes on the pommel horse two weeks ago. Leading the way this season are senior co-captain **GEORGE BEATTY** (Aberdeen, N.J.) and junior **JASON KROB** (St. Charles, Mo.). Against Illinois-Chicago, Beatty scored a career-high 9.775 en route to the event title. Beatty has four first-place, one second-place and one third-place finishes. Krob has two first-place and four second-place finishes this season.

INJURY FRONT: The Golden Gophers have been hampered by a rash of injuries to key contributors. **DAN BOOTS** (Pearland, Texas), **TODD GUILBEAU** (Houston, Texas) and **BOB HUBBARD** (Phoenix, Ariz.) have all been sidelined with season-ending injuries.

SCOREBOARD

1998 MEN'S GYMNASTICS SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Site/Result
Jan. 10	Alumni Meet	* L 213.90-221.85
Jan. 17	Windy City Invitational	7th/213.85
Jan. 31	Ohio State	L 217.95-226.35
Feb. 7	Illinois	L 221.070-216.550
Feb. 13	Michigan State	L 221.75-228.425
Feb. 14	Michigan	L 222.575-226.85
Feb. 27	Nebraska	L 221.275-229.575
Mar. 1	Iowa	L 222.90-226.40
Mar. 7	Illinois-Chicago	W 224.100-220.800
Mar. 20-21	Big Ten Championships	Ann Arbor, Mich.
April 4	NCAA East Regionals	Amherst, Mass.
April 16-18	NCAA Championships	University Park, Pa.

*Exhibition

GOPHER FLASHES

NCAA EAST REGIONAL: The NCAA East Regionals are set for April 4 in Amherst, Mass. The top six teams in the region qualify for the competition. As of last week's rankings, Minnesota is currently ninth in the region.

East Regional Rankings (as of March 9):

1. Iowa	229.025
2. Ohio State	228.950
3. Penn State	228.160
4. Michigan	227.250
5. Michigan State	226.833
6. Illinois	226.695
7. Massachusetts	226.133
8. Temple	224.742
9. Minnesota	222.808
10. Illinois-Chicago	221.892

NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS: The Golden Gophers are looking to get back to the NCAA Championships in University Park, Pa., April 16-18, for the first time since 1993. Minnesota last qualified for the championships in 1993 and finished in fifth place.

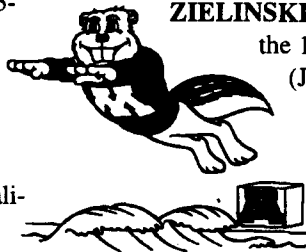
SWIMMING & DIVING

THIS WEEK: The Golden Gopher (7-1 overall, 3-1 Big Ten) swimmers and divers will rest and prepare for the NCAA Championships, March 26-28 in Auburn, Ala.

TAKE THE PLUNGE: Freshman **DAN CROASTON** (Champlin, Minn.) competed on all three boards at the NCAA Diving Zones, Friday and Saturday, March 13-14 in Oxford, Ohio. Croaston took 13th on the 3-meter springboard with 400.95 points, sixth on the 1-meter springboard with 436.10 points, and sixth on the platform with 402.70 points.

The diving zones qualify divers for the NCAA Championship field of 35. Zone C is allowed six qualifying divers. Qualifying for the NCAAs are: Mike Collier, Indiana; Mike McIntyre, Ohio State; Tom Davidson, Indiana; David Garrow, Ball State; Brett Wilmot, Michigan and Simon Chrisander, Iowa.

A FEW GOOD MEN: Minnesota qualified 14 swimmers for the NCAA Championships next weekend. It is the largest number of qualifiers for the championships the Golden Gophers have ever had. Each swimmer who qualified will compete individually, along with those selected to compete with the five qualifying relays. The 14 swimmers also represent the third largest group of qualifiers in the NCAA Championships field. Stanford leads the bunch with 16 swimmers, followed by



Auburn and Texas with 15 swimmers each. Minnesota is tied with Tennessee with 14 qualifiers. Michigan is the next Big Ten team behind the Golden Gophers with 10 qualifying swimmers.

MEETING THE STANDARD: The Golden Gophers have had 29 NCAA consideration times posted this season along with nine NCAA automatic times. Senior **TY BATHURST** (Albuquerque, N.M.) automatically qualified in the 50-yard freestyle, juniors **JOHN CAHOY** (Hudson, Wis.) and **MARTIN ZIELINSKI** (Bloomington, Minn.) automatically qualified in the 100-yard butterfly, sophomore **YOAV MEIRI** (Jerusalem, Israel) automatically qualified in the 200-yard butterfly, and freshman **ALEX MASSURA** (Belo Horizonte, Brazil) automatically qualified in the 100-yard and 200-yard backstroke and 200-yard freestyle. Additionally, freshman **BRANDON SCHINDLER** (Saratoga, Calif.), junior **LUIS LOPEZ** (Aurora, Colo.) and seniors **ERIEK HULSEMAN** (Edina, Minn.) and **JEREMY RIENTS** (Apple Valley, Minn.) automatically qualified for the NCAAs because of their participation on qualifying relay teams. The nine swimmers have also swam a combined 18 consideration times. Because they qualified automatically, the swimmers can compete in their consideration events as well. A swimmer can not, however, swim in more than seven events.

SCOREBOARD

1998 Big Ten Champions
OVERALL RECORD: 7-1; BIG TEN RECORD: 3-1
TOP INDIVIDUAL EVENT TIMES
(1997-98)

50 FREE — 19.80!*, Ty Bathurst (prelim, Big Tens)
100 FREE — 44.03^*, John Cahoy (2nd, Big Tens)
200 FREE — 1:38.88^, Jeremy Rients (9th, Big Tens)
500 FREE — 4:24.72^, Bill Bishop (5th, Big Tens)
1000 FREE — 9:21.53, Bill Bishop (1st, vs. UNC)
1650 FREE — 15:18.50^, Bill Bishop (4th, Big Tens)
100 BACK — 47.42!#+, Alex Massura (2nd, Big Tens)
200 BACK — 1:43.57!#+, Alex Massura (2nd, Big Tens)
100 BREAST — 55.03**^, Ty Bathurst (prelim, Big Tens)
200 BREAST — 2:02.55*, Oscar Godoi (prelim, Big Tens)
100 FLY — 47.10!, Martin Zielinski (prelim, Big Tens)
200 FLY — 1:47.44^, Martin Zielinski (2nd, Big Tens)
200 IM — 1:48.55^*, Alex Massura (prelim, Big Tens)
400 IM — 3:50.99^*, Bill Bishop (2nd, Big Tens)

* personal best
^ NCAA consideration
! NCAA automatic
+ Minnesota Varsity Record
Minnesota Freshman Record

GOPHER FLASHES

RECORDS, RECORDS, RECORDS:

A total of 12 records were set at the Big Ten Championships. Minnesota freshman **ALEX MASSURA** (Belo Horizonte, Brazil) was a part of six of those. Massura, who took second in the 100-yard and 200-yard backstroke, set Minnesota school and freshman records in both backstroke events and swam with the 400-yard medley relay and 400-yard freestyle relay teams. Junior **MARTIN ZIELINSKI** (Bloomington, Minn.) and senior **JEREMY RIENTS** (Apple Valley, Minn.) each were a part of both the 400-yard medley record-setting team, while Zielinski set a record with the 200-yard medley team and Rients set another mark with the 400-yard freestyle relay.

COACH'S CALL: Head Coach Dennis Dale was rewarded for preparing his team so well with his third Big Ten Coach of the Year distinction. Dale also won in 1989 and 1996.

TENNIS

THIS WEEK: The 46th-ranked Golden Gophers (4-5 overall; 1-1 Big Ten) face South Alabama Monday, March 23 in Mobile, Ala., at 1 p.m.

AGAINST SOUTH ALABAMA: Thirty-third ranked South Alabama holds the 2-1 series advantage over the Golden Gophers. Last season Minnesota defeated South Alabama 4-3, but suffered a 4-0 defeat this year at the H.E.B. Classic March 7. The U of M lost two of three doubles matches and three singles matches. The other matches did not finish.

LAST ACTION: The Golden Gophers won their opening match of the H.E.B. Classic March 6-8, with a 4-1 won over Baylor. Minnesota then lost three straight matches to South Alabama 4-0, Tulane 4-2 and UNLV 4-1. Only freshman **JON SVENSSON** (Kristianstad, Sweden) and junior **MARTIN KRISTOFFERSEN** (Portgrunn, Norway) came away unscathed as the pair won every singles match they played.

GOOSE EGG: Freshman **JON SVENSSON** and junior **MARTIN KRISTOFFERSEN** are the only two U of M players with undefeated dual match records. Svensson is 5-0 at No. 6 singles, and has two wins at No. 5 and one win at No. 2 singles. Kristoffersen, seventh in the singles lineup, holds a 2-0 record at No. 6 singles.



MILESTONES: Junior **TOM CHICOINE** (Neenah, Wis.) is five wins from his 75th career singles victory. Chicoine currently has 70 career singles wins, leading all active Golden Gophers. Additionally, Chicoine's 43 career doubles wins are seven shy of 50 career doubles wins.

Selkirk is fast approaching 50 career singles wins, as he is just three victories shy of the mark (47). Only a sophomore, **MARTIN MICHALOWSKI** (Ottawa, Canada) already has 35 singles wins for his career.

Head Coach **DAVID GEATZ** earned the 300th victory of his coaching career with a 5-2 win over his alma mater, New Mexico, Jan. 16. Geatz currently has 182 wins in his 10th season with Minnesota and is 303-141 during his 14-plus years of coaching.

The program itself holds a 661-423-3 overall record in 51 seasons.

DOUBLE FIGURES: Minnesota's starting lineup features five of its six singles players with double digits in the win column. **TOM CHICOINE** carries a 15-12 record, followed by freshman **JORGE DUENAS** (Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic) who holds a 14-12 record. **MARTIN MICHALOWSKI** also carries a 14-10 record, while fellow Canadian countryman freshman **TYSON PARRY** (Chatham, Ontario) brings an 12-12 record to the court. Freshman **JON SVENSSON** is 14-8.

SCOREBOARD

Singles	Overall	Dual	Tourn.	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6
Tom Chicoine	15-12	2-7	13-5	2-7					
Adam Selkirk	6-14	2-5	4-9		2-4	0-1			
M. Michalowski	14-10	2-4	12-6		1-0	1-4			
Jorge Duenas	14-12	2-5	12-7			1-2	1-3		
Tyson Parry	12-12	4-4	8-8				1-1	3-2	
Jon Svensson	14-8	8-0	6-8		1-0		1-0	2-0	4-0
M. Kristoffersen	8-7	2-0	6-7						2-0
Ed Marques	2-8		2-8						
Voke Okoh	0-2		0-2						

Doubles	Overall	Dual	Tourn.	#1	#2	#3
Michalowski/Parry	12-8	1-5	11-3	1-5		
Chicoine/Duenas	8-9	3-3	5-6		3-3	
Duenas/Svensson	1-0	1-0	0-0		1-0	
Kristoffersen/Selkirk	1-0	1-0	0-0			1-0
Selkirk/Svensson	7-4	3-1	4-3			3-1
Kristoffersen/Svensson	3-1	1-0	2-1			1-0
Kristoffersen/Parry	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1		
Marques/Dvorak	1-1		1-1			
Marques/Okoh	1-1		1-1			

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DOUBLE TROUBLE: Minnesota has won the doubles competition in four out the seven matches the team has competed in, sweeping all three matches from regional foe and powerhouse Notre Dame.

Additionally, the Golden Gophers No. 1 doubles team of **MARTIN MICHALOWSKI** and **TYSON PARRY** (Chatham, Ontario) is ranked 36th in the nation.

UNDER PRESSURE: Freshman **TYSON PARRY** (Chatham, Ontario) proved he is ready to compete at the collegiate level after leading the Golden Gophers to a 4-3 upset of No. 24 Kansas Saturday, Feb. 14. Parry's No. 5 singles match was the decisive point for Minnesota who had won the doubles point against the Jayhawks and were down in the singles matches, 3-2. Whoever won at No. 5 would take the match. Fittingly it came down to two freshman, Parry and Jayhawk Ed Dus. Parry battled through the first set, taking it 7-6 with a 9-7 tie break. Parry dropped the second set 5-7, but bounced back to win the third and final set 6-2.

TRACK & FIELD

THIS WEEK: Minnesota concluded its indoor season with the NCAA Championships, Friday and Saturday, March 13-14. The outdoor season opens with the Arizona State Invitational in Tempe, Ariz., March 27-28.

ANOTHER FIRST: University of Minnesota junior **VESA RANTANEN** (Virrat, Finland) became the first Golden Gopher indoor track and field NCAA champion since 1993 when he won the pole vault Friday night at the NCAA Championships in Indianapolis. Rantanen tied a U of M school-record with a vault of 18-2 1/2 (5.55m). Rantanen's height actually tied five other athletes' heights, but he won because of fewer missed attempts. Pole vaulter **Martin Eriksson** was the Golden Gophers' last NCAA indoor champion when he vaulted 18-0 1/2 in 1993.

Rantanen, who placed sixth at last season's NCAA outdoor meet, tied senior **TYE HARVEY'S** (Jamestown, Calif.) record which placed Harvey second at last year's NCAA indoor championship. Harvey finished 12th this year with a height of 17-4 1/2 (5.30m).

Also competing for Minnesota was sophomore **STAFFAN STRAND** (Uppsland-Vasby, Sweden). Strand took fourth in the high jump with a leap of 7-3 3/4 (2.23m). He finished second at last season's indoor championships with a height of 7-5.

Minnesota, which only qualified three athletes, finished the

NCAA Championships with 15 points which stood fifth after one day of competition and placed the team tied for 14th with North Carolina and Nebraska after the championships were complete.

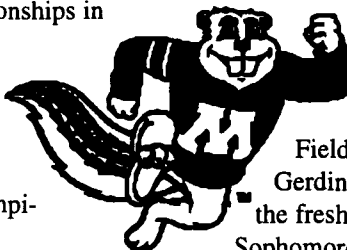
FOR THE RECORD: Minnesota broke or tied a total of five records over the course of the season. **VESA RANTANEN** was the latest athlete to set a school mark.

To start the year, freshman **TOM GERDING** (Waconia, Minn.) had established a new Minnesota freshman time in both the 400-meter and 600-meter dash. Gerding then broke his previous record with a freshman-best time of 1:16.19 in the 600-meter dash at the Big Ten Championships. In the trials Saturday, Gerding smashed both his record and the Lambert Field House record, posting a time of 1:19.09.

Gerding's record would later be broken in the finals, but the freshman would take fourth with a time of 1:19.60.

Sophomore **STAFFAN STRAND** won his second consecutive high jump title, tying his Big Ten meet record from a year ago of 7-4 1/2 (2.25m). Junior **BENJAMIN JENSEN** (Mandal, Norway) also broke his own school and Big Ten mark in the heptathlon, winning the event for the second straight year with 5,769 points.

Senior **NILES DENEEN** (St. Paul, Minn.) ran his school-record time of 7.31 four times this year in the 55-meter hurdles.



SCOREBOARD

TOP INDOOR PERFORMANCES

55m Dash -- Fred Rodgers, 6.33 (1/31)
60m Dash -- Fred Rodgers, 6.53 (2/13)
55m Hurdles -- Niles Deneen, 7.31*!& (1/31, 2/13)
60m Hurdles -- Benjamin Jensen, 8.03 (2/13)
200m Dash -- Fred Rodgers, 22.03 (2/28)
400m Dash -- Tom Gerding, 47.91!\$# (2/7)
500m Dash -- Adam Freed, 1:05.90 (2/13)
600m Dash -- Scott Beadle, 1:18.93 (2/28)
800m Run -- Jason Owen, 1:52.02 (2/28)
Mile Run -- Sami Valtonen, 4:06.58 (2/7)
3,000m Run -- Nate Clay, 8:28.63 (2/27)
5,000m Run -- Tony Riter, 14:31.18 (2/28)
High Jump -- Staffan Strand, 7-6 1/2 (2.30)!&@^\$ (1/24)
Pole Vault -- Vesa Rantanen, 18-2 1/2 (5.55m)!&\$ (3/13)
Long Jump -- Marcus Westberry, 23-7 1/4 (7.19m) (2/27)
Triple Jump -- Marcus Westberry, 49-3 (15.01) (2/27)
Shot Put -- Chad Yanchesky, 59-4 1/4 (18.08m)*\$ (1/24)
Weight Throw -- Ben Meyer, 54-10 (16.71m) (2/13)
Pentathlon -- Jesse Madsen%, 3,289 (1/24)
Heptathlon -- Benjamin Jensen, 5,769 (2/28)

Key:

* NCAA Provisional

! NCAA Automatic

& Minnesota School Record

@ Field House Record

^ Big Ten Record

\$ Personal Best

U of M Freshman Record

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IT'S A FIRST!: The University of Minnesota took home its first Big Ten Indoor Championship at Purdue University, Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 28-March 1. The Golden Gophers upended three-time defending champion Wisconsin on the strength of two individual event titles.

Minnesota earned points in all but two events, one of which had no Golden Gopher entries.

The Golden Gophers, who had not won a Big Ten track and field title since the outdoor team won in 1968, finished 14 points ahead of the Badgers.

BACK-TO-BACK: The men's track and field team added an extra-special punch to the weekend with its Big Ten Championship. Saturday night the men's swimming and diving team captured its second Big Ten crown of the 1990s, and less than 24 hours later the track and field team brought another Big Ten Championship home to Minneapolis. The double whammy marked the first time since 1995 that two Big Ten Championships were won in the same year. The two championships within one sports season had not been done since 1992, but remarkably it was not the first time two Big Ten titles were won in one weekend. In 1982 the men's basketball team captured the outright Big Ten title on March 6 with a 87-75 win over Ohio State. On March 7, the men's gymnastics team won the Big Ten title in Wisconsin by a margin of .90 points.

WRESTLING

THIS WEEK: Nine Golden Gophers travel to the NCAA Championships, which will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, Thursday-Saturday, March 19-21. Hosted by Cleveland State University, the NCAA meet will be held in the Convocation Center. Based on calculations from InterMat/W.I.N., the Golden Gophers are projected to finish third behind Oklahoma State and Iowa.

NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS LINEUP:

- 118 - **BRANDON PAULSON** (Sr., Coon Rapids, Minn.)
- 134 - **TROY MARR** (Jr., Wyoming, Minn.)
- 142 - **JASON DAVIDS** (Sr., Forest Lake, Minn.)
- 150 - **CHAD KRAFT** (Jr., Lakefield, Minn.)
- 158 - **JOSH HOLIDAY** (Jr., Anaheim, Calif.)
- 167 - **ZAC TAYLOR** (Sr., Sandpoint, Idaho)
- 177 - **BRANDON EGGUM** (So., Sidney, Mont.)
- 190 - **TIM HARTUNG** (Jr., Durand, Wis.)
- Hwt - **SHELTON BENJAMIN** (Sr., Orangeburg, S.C.)



LAST YEAR AT NCAAS: Minnesota matched its best finish with a third-place showing at the 1997 NCAA Championships. The only other times Minnesota had finished as high as third were in 1937 and 1941. Last year all 10 starters qualified for the national meet, a school record, and Minnesota returned from the NCAAs with a school-best five All-Americans, led by two-time All-Americans **JASON DAVIDS** (third at 142) and **CHAD KRAFT** (third at 150). First-time All-Americans for the Golden Gophers were **SHELTON**

BENJAMIN (fifth at Hwt), **PAT CONNORS** (Jr., Longview, Wash., eighth at 126) and **TIM HARTUNG** (third at 190). The last Golden Gopher to win an NCAA title was current assistant head coach **MARTY MORGAN** who captured the 177-pound national crown in 1991. Minnesota has won nine NCAA titles during the history of the wrestling program.

MINNESOTA SETTLES FOR THIRD AT BIG

TENS: Minnesota battled to a disappointing third-place finish at this year's Big Ten Championships hosted by Penn State University March 7-8 in the Bryce Jordan Center. With 107 team points, the Golden Gophers trailed Iowa, which won its 25th consecutive conference title with 120.5 points, and host Penn State, which finished second with 116.5. Iowa crowned three individual championships and Michigan had two.

HARTUNG DEFENDS BIG TEN TITLE:

Junior **TIM HARTUNG**, ranked No. 2 in the nation at 190 pounds, won his second straight Big Ten title with a 3-1 sudden-death decision over Iowa's Lee Fullhart. It was No. 1-seeded Hartung's second win of the season against Fullhart. Last season, Hartung won the Golden Gophers' only Big Ten title with a 3-1 overtime decision over Michigan State's defending champion Brian Picklo. With his 190-pound title, Hartung becomes the first Golden Gopher since Marty Morgan to win back-to-back conference titles. Morgan captured 177-pound crowns in 1990 and 1991.

SCOREBOARD

TOP INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

Wt.	Name	Overall	Total	Dual	Big Ten	Pins
118	Brett Lawrence	16-10	16-10	11-9	2-5	3
	Leroy Vega	11-2	11-2	0-0	0-0	1
	Julio Alaniz	6-4	6-4	0-0	0-0	0
126	Brandon Paulson	4-2	4-2	1-0	1-0	1
	Bart Golyer	20-8	19-7	9-4	3-4	7
134	Pat Connors	17-4	9-4	5-3	1-0	4
	Chad Erikson	11-3	11-3	0-0	0-0	3
	Ty Friederichs	11-7	11-7	0-0	0-0	1
	Pat Connors		8-0	4-0	0-0	3
	Bart Golyer		1-1	1-1	0-0	0
	Josh Krebs	11-6	11-6	2-1	0-0	3
	Troy Marr	28-9	14-7	8-4	5-3	2
142	Jason Davids	32-3	32-3	19-2	6-2	15
	Joe Calavitta	8-2	8-2	0-0	0-0	2
	Troy Marr		14-1	0-0	0-0	0
150	Chad Kraft	22-2	21-2	17-1	6-1	2
	Brad Pike	15-5	15-5	0-2	0-1	3
	Eddie Pak	5-6	5-6	0-0	0-0	0
	Troy Marr		0-1	0-1	0-0	0
158	Tim Kinsella	13-2	13-2	1-0	0-0	1
	Jesse Krebs	6-5	6-5	0-1	0-0	0
	Josh Holiday	29-3	29-3	16-2	6-1	4
	Chad Kraft		1-0	1-0	1-0	0
167	Delaney Berger	18-2	16-1	2-0	0-0	2
	Zac Taylor	29-8	29-8	15-4	5-3	7
	Mike Cuperus	14-2	14-2	0-0	0-0	5
	Matt Kraft	6-2	6-2	0-0	0-0	0
177	Brandon Eggum	24-4	24-4	14-2	1-2	6
	Kenneth Howard	3-3	3-3	0-0	0-0	1
	Delaney Berger		3-1	3-1	3-1	1
190	Tim Hartung	31-1	31-1	20-1	8-0	19
	Owen Elzen	7-4	7-4	0-0	0-0	4
HWT	Shelton Benjamin	30-5	30-5	16-3	7-1	10
	Brent Boeshans	13-4	13-4	2-0	0-0	1

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LATEST RANKINGS: Individually, All-American and defending Big Ten champion **TIM HARTUNG** is the highest-ranked Golden Gopher in the March 10 InterMat/W.I.N. rankings. Hartung is ranked second at 190 pounds.

Junior **CHAD KRAFT**, a two-time All-American who took third at the NCAAs last year, is ranked third at 150 pounds after a tough loss to Penn State's then No. 3-ranked Clint Musser three weeks ago. Senior **JASON DAVIDS** moved to third in the latest rankings at 142 pounds after holding the top spot for much of the year. Senior All-American **SHELTON BENJAMIN** is ranked third at heavyweight after finishing second at the Big Ten championships.

Other ranked Minnesota wrestlers include junior **TROY MARR** who is the 17th-ranked wrestler at 134, senior **ZAC TAYLOR**, 10th at 167, junior **JOSH HOLIDAY**, seventh at 158 and sophomore **BRANDON EGGUM**, 14th at 177. Senior **BRANDON PAULSON** made his first appearance of the season two weeks ago and is listed as the nation's 18th-best wrestler at 118 pounds.

WRESTLING

NINE GOLDEN GOPHERS QUALIFY FOR

NCAAs: Hartung and eight other Golden Gophers qualified for the NCAA Championships in Cleveland with their performances at the Big Ten Championships. The top seven placemen in each weight class and a wildcard selection by the coaches advance to the national tournament.

Seniors **JASON DAVIDS** and **SHELTON BENJAMIN** each made it to the championship finals in their weight classes but had to settle for second. Davids, the No. 2 seed at 142, pounds, matched his finish from one season ago, losing to Iowa's No. 1 seed Jeff McGinness in a 6-0 decision. Benjamin, the No. 1 seed at heavyweight, improved on his sixth-place showing last year, taking second after a 5-3 loss to Michigan's No. 2 seeded Airron Richardson in the finals.

Two Golden Gophers placed third with their performances at Big Tens. Junior **CHAD KRAFT** took third with a 6-2 win over Wisconsin's Don Pritzlaff. Kraft, the No. 3 seed in a bracket that had the nation's top three wrestlers at 150 pounds, earned a bye in the first round of the tournament and defeated No. 6 Mickey Griffin of Purdue 6-2. In the semifinals, Kraft was dealt his only loss of the tournament in a 2-1 double overtime loss to Penn State's Clint Musser, the No. 2 seed and second-ranked wrestler in the country.

Junior **JOSH HOLIDAY** entered the tournament as the No. 1 seed at 158 pounds but lost his first match in the quarterfinals to drop to the consolation rounds. He rebounded with three wins before decisioning Michigan State's Greg DeGrand 8-5 to place third.

Sophomore **BRANDON EGGUM**, the No. 4 seed at 177, took fourth after a double-overtime 6-2 loss to Illinois' Jevon Herman, the No. 1 seed, in the semifinals dropped him to the consolation bracket. Eggum lost to Penn State's Rob Neidlinger 3-2 in a tough third-place match to finish fourth. Senior **ZAC TAYLOR**, seeded fourth at 167 pounds, took sixth with a 5-4 loss to Michigan State's Will Hill in the consolation finals.

Senior **BRANDON PAULSON** and junior **TROY MARR** each took seventh. Paulson returned to the mat after nearly a year, winning his first match of the tournament before dropping to the consolation bracket. Paulson pinned Michigan's Chris Viola in 6:30 to take seventh. Marr decisioned Purdue's Eric Kerkhof 4-0 in the consolation finals to finish seventh.

Junior **BART GOLYER** (Cedar, Minn.) was the only Golden Gopher who did not qualify for NCAAs. Golyer had one of the toughest draws in the tournament, facing No. 1 Eric Jetton of Wisconsin in the first round and the No. 2 seed Carl Perry of Illinois in the consolation first round.

DAVIDS IS SCHOOL RECORD HOLDER IN DUAL-MEET WINS:

Two-time All-American **JASON DAVIDS** became the all-time school record in Purdue, Feb. 22. Davids finished 19-2 in dual action this season and 79-12-0 for his career. He tied former Golden Gopher Willy Short (1989-1994) with 78 career dual meet victorys after 16-7 maj. dec. over Northwestern's Malik Elliot on Feb. 20. Davids then decisioned No. 4 Willie Wineberg 6-1 of Purdue to take the record two days later. Willy Short finished his career with a 78-18-2 mark in dual-meet action.

On pace to have his third consecutive 30-win season, Davids is also nearing the top of school lists for all-time career victories and pins. With three wins at Big Tens, he moved into a tie for third with Tim Harris (127-47-0/1991-95) in career wins with a 127-25-0 record and in third place for career pins with 36.

DENTING THE RECORD BOOK: Several other Golden Gophers are also climbing their way into Minnesota's record book. Senior **ZAC TAYLOR** is currently seventh all time

with a career record of 116-32-0.

In just three seasons, juniors **TIM HARTUNG** and **CHAD KRAFT** have also moved their way into the Golden Gopher record book. Hartung is tied for 15th place with a career mark of 89-21-0. Kraft is now tied for 18th with a career mark of 82-18-0. Hartung is also nearing the top of the school list for career pins. He is currently in third with 35 career wins by fall, including a team-leading 19 this season.

With his return on Feb. 20, senior **BRANDON PAULSON** is also moving up the ladder. Currently, he is tied with Kraft for 18th all time with an 82-32-0 career mark.

MINNESOTA SETS SCHOOL MARK FOR ATTENDANCE:

The Golden Gophers set a school record this year when 11,284 fans turned out to watch Iowa defeat Minnesota 20-12 on Jan. 23. The attendance mark surpasses the old record set Feb. 3, 1980, when 9,225 fans watched Iowa State defeat the Golden Gophers 19-18 at Williams Arena. The NCAA record for attendance at a dual meet was set Feb. 22, 1992, when 15,291 fans watched Iowa defeat Iowa State 29-8 at Carver-Hawkeye Arena in Iowa City.

MINNESOTA SLIPS TO FOURTH IN NATIONAL POLLS:

The Golden Gophers finished the season ranked fourth in the final *NWCA/Amateur Wrestling News* rankings for the fourth consecutive week. It is also the lowest ranking for the Golden Gophers which started the season in third and moved to second on Jan. 8. The team spent three weeks in second and two in third before slipping to fourth on Feb. 12.

EIGHT 20-MATCH WINNERS IN LINEUP:

Eight Golden Gophers in the starting lineup have won at least 20 matches this season. Senior **JASON DAVIDS** (142) leads the team with a 32-3 record. Junior **TIM HARTUNG** (190) is second on the team at 31-1, and senior **SHELTON BENJAMIN** (HWT) is third at 30-5. Other 20-match winners include junior **TROY MARR** (134) at 28-9, senior **ZAC TAYLOR** (167) at 29-8, junior **JOSH HOLIDAY** at 29-3, sophomore **BRANDON EGGUM** (177) at 24-4 and junior **CHAD KRAFT** (150) at 22-2.



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THIS WEEK IN GOPHER SPORTS

Tues., March 24	☐ Baseball	vs. Northern Iowa Metrodome 1:30 p.m.	Fri., March 27	☐ Swimming & Diving	at NCAA Championships Auburn, Ala. All Day
	☐ Baseball	vs. UW-Milwaukee Metrodome 6:30 p.m.		☐ Tennis	vs. Penn State 98th Street 6 p.m.
	☐ Basketball	vs. Fresno State NIT Semifinals New York, N.Y. ESPN (live) WCCO-AM (830) 6 p.m.		☐ Track & Field	at ASU Invitational Tempe, Ariz. All Day
	☐ Golf	at Georgia Tech Invitational Atlanta, Ga. All Day		☐ Baseball	vs. Purdue (2) Metrodome KKMS-AM (980) (live) 6:30 p.m.
Wed., March 25	☐ Baseball	vs. UW-Milwaukee Metrodome 6:30 p.m.	Sat., March 28	☐ Golf	at Dr. Pepper Intercollegiate Denton, Texas All Day
	☐ Tennis	at Tulane New Orleans, La. 1 p.m.		☐ Swimming & Diving	at NCAA Championships Auburn, Ala. All Day
Thurs., March 26	☐ Basketball	vs. TBA NIT Tournament New York, N.Y. TV TBA WCCO-AM (830) TBA		☐ Tennis	vs. Indiana State 98th Street 6 p.m.
	☐ Swimming & Diving	at NCAA Championships Auburn, Ala. All Day		☐ Track & Field	at ASU Invitational Tempe, Ariz. All Day
Fri., March 27	☐ Baseball	vs. Purdue Metrodome KKMS-AM (980) (TD) 6:30 p.m.	Sun., March 29	☐ Baseball	vs. Purdue Metrodome MSC (live) KKMS-AM (980) (live) 1 p.m.
				☐ Golf	at Dr. Pepper Intercollegiate Denton, Texas All Day

GOPHER HOTLINE

The Golden Gopher Hotline features daily interviews with players and coaches. It is available to the media 24 hours a day by calling (612) 625-7887. The hotline is broadcast quality and is changed by noon each day. This service is for media use only. The schedule for this week is as follows:

Tuesday, March 24:

Head Minnesota Baseball Coach **JOHN ANDERSON** previews the Big Ten season.

Wednesday, March 25:

Head Swimming and Diving Coach **DENNIS DALE** previews the NCAA Championships.

Thursday, March 26:

Senior outfielder **MARK GROEBNER** previews the Big Ten season.

Friday, March 27:

Junior outfielder **ROBB QUINLAN** previews the Big Ten season.

GOLF

THIS WEEK: The Golden Gopher men's golf team resumes their schedule this week with two tournaments. Minnesota will be at the Cuscowilla Intercollegiate on Monday and Tuesday before travelling to the Dr. Pepper Intercollegiate on Saturday and Sunday.

TOURNEY INFORMATION:

Event: 1998 Cuscowilla Intercollegiate (First Annual)
 Site: The Golf Club at Cuscowilla
 Dates: March 23-24, 1998
 Host School: Georgia Tech
 Format: Best four of five scores each round
 Course Info.: par 70 - 6,718 yards
 Holes: 54
 Starting Times: 8 a.m. shotgun start on Monday, tee times starting at 8 a.m. on Tuesday
 Field Includes: 12 teams - including #3 Georgia Tech, #4 Clemson, #13 North Carolina, #14 East Tennessee State, #18 North Carolina State

Event: 1998 Dr. Pepper Intercollegiate (Fifth Annual)
 Site: Tanglewood Resort (Lake Texoma) - Pottsboro, Texas
 Dates: March 28-29, 1998
 Host School: SMU
 Format: Best four of five scores each round
 Course Info.: par 72 - 7,000 yards designed by Ralph Plummer and Arnold Palmer

Holes: 54
 Starting Times: 7 a.m. shotgun start on Saturday, tee times starting at 7 a.m. on Sunday
 Field Includes: 18 teams - Akron, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Jackson State, Kent State, Miami (OH), Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, Northern Illinois, Northwestern, Penn State, Purdue, SMU, Toledo, Wisconsin

NEXT UP: The Golden Gophers will tee it up at the Marshall Invitational in Huntington, West Virginia on April 10-11.

TEAM STATS

DATE	TOURNAMENT	SCORES	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15	ReliaStar Collegiate Invite	287/286/282	855/1st out of 12
Sept. 27-28	Northern Collegiate Invite	296/288/294	878/T-2nd out of 17
Oct. 6-7	Nike Northwest Classic	301/299/295	895/T-13th out of 22
Oct. 10-11	Coca-Cola Classic	289/300/291	880/2nd out of 21
Feb. 16-17	Bridges All-American	286/301	587/3rd out of 18
Feb. 23-24	Puerto Rico Classic	297/298/290	885/T-4th out of 15

INDIVIDUAL STATS

Rob Kerr

TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15 ReliaStar Collegiate Invite	70/68/71	216	209/1st out of 65
Sept. 27-28 Northern Collegiate Invite	74/65/71	216	210/1st out of 90
Oct. 6-7 Nike Northwest Classic	75/76/75	216	226/T-56th out of 110
Oct. 10-11 Coca-Cola Classic	73/79/70	216	222/T-19th out of 111
Feb. 16-17 Bridges All-American	69/72	142	141/1st out of 90
Feb. 23-24 Puerto Rico Classic	76/73/72	216	221/T-17th out of 75
Rounds: 17 Strokes: 1229		Average: 72.3	

Justin Royer

TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15 ReliaStar Coll. Invite*	72/77/69	216	218/T-15th out of 65
Rounds: 3 Strokes: 218		Average: 72.7	

Bob Brink

TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15 ReliaStar Coll. Invite*	75/72/72	216	219/T-20th out of 65
Rounds: 3 Strokes: 219		Average: 73.0	

Bill Thompson

TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15 ReliaStar Collegiate Invite	71/73/71	216	215/T-6th out of 65
Sept. 27-28 Northern Collegiate Invite	76/72/75	216	223/T-18th out of 90
Oct. 6-7 Nike Northwest Classic	72/74/71	216	217/T-10th out of 110
Oct. 10-11 Coca-Cola Classic	71/73/76	216	220/T-13th out of 111
Feb. 16-17 Bridges All-American	76/76	142	152/T-38th out of 90
Rounds: 14 Strokes: 1027		Average: 73.4	

James McLean

TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Feb. 16-17 Bridges All-American	71/83	142	154/T-50th out of 90
Feb. 23-24 Puerto Rico Classic	73/73/68	216	214/5th out of 75
Rounds: 5 Strokes: 368		Average: 73.6	

Martin Le Mesurier

TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15 ReliaStar Collegiate Invite	78/74/70	216	222/T-32nd out of 65
Sept. 27-28 Northern Collegiate Invite	72/78/73	216	223/T-18th out of 90
Oct. 6-7 Nike Northwest Classic	79/73/75	216	227/T-59th out of 110
Oct. 10-11 Coca-Cola Classic	72/74/73	216	219/12th out of 111
Feb. 23-24 Puerto Rico Classic	72/72/75	216	219/T-11th out of 75
Rounds: 15 Strokes: 1110		Average: 74.0	

Jeff Barney

TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15 ReliaStar Coll. Invite*	71/73/70	216	214/T-4th out of 65
Sept. 27-28 Northern Collegiate Invite	79/78/75	216	232/T-53rd out of 90
Oct. 6-7 Nike Northwest Classic	78/76/74	216	228/T-70th out of 110
Rounds: 9 Strokes: 674		Average: 74.9	

Andy Komor

TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15 ReliaStar Collegiate Invite	72/71/72	216	215/T-6th out of 65
Sept. 27-28 Northern Collegiate Invite	74/73/76	216	223/T-18th out of 90
Oct. 6-7 Nike Northwest Classic	76/79/82	216	237/T-99th out of 110
Feb. 16-17 Bridges All-American	74/74	142	148/T-18th out of 90
Feb. 23-24 Puerto Rico Classic	76/83/75	216	234/T-57th out of 75
Rounds: 14 Strokes: 1057		Average: 75.5	

Adam Dooley

TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15 ReliaStar Collegiate Invite	74/77/70	216	221/T-28th out of 65
Oct. 10-11 Coca-Cola Classic	77/74/73	216	224/T-35th out of 111
Feb. 16-17 Bridges All-American	72/79	142	151/T-35th out of 90
Feb. 23-24 Puerto Rico Classic	80/80/76	216	236/T-62nd out of 75
Rounds: 11 Strokes: 832		Average: 75.6	

Matt Burgess

TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15 ReliaStar Coll. Invite*	76/76/71	216	223/T-37th out of 65
Oct. 10-11 Coca-Cola Classic	73/83/75	216	231/T-76th out of 111
Rounds: 6 Strokes: 454		Average: 75.7	

Santiago Fernandez

TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15 ReliaStar Coll. Invite*	83/83/78	216	244/64th out of 65
Rounds: 3 Strokes: 244		Average: 81.3	

Note: * indicates that the golfer competed as an individual and the scores did not count towards the team score

GYMNASTICS

THIS WEEK: The No. 14 Golden Gophers completed the team portion of their 1998 season last weekend at the Big Ten Championships in Ann Arbor, Mich., March 20. Seeded ninth in the region as of last week, it appears unlikely the team will advance to the NCAA East Regionals, however some individuals stand a chance of being invited.

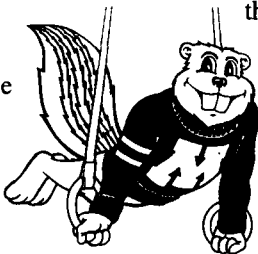
LAST ACTION: Minnesota finished in seventh place at the 1998 Big Ten Championships. The Golden Gophers scored a team total of 222.225, while Iowa captured the title with 230.525 points. Penn State and two-time defending champion Ohio State finished behind the Hawkeyes.

END OF A STREAK: Minnesota's seventh-place finish at Big Tens marked the first time in Head Coach Fred Roethlisberger's 27-year illustrious career his team has finished in the lower half of the conference. Roethlisberger can take solace in the fact that despite losing three key scholarship athletes to season-ending injuries at the beginning of the year, his young and untested Golden Gopher squad improved consistently throughout the season.

THE SPECIALIST: Junior **JASON KROB** (St. Charles, Mo.), a specialist on the pommel horse, was the only Golden Gopher to advance to the Big Ten Event Finals on Saturday, March 21. Krob finished in sixth place on the horse with a 9.650. Penn State's Mike Dutka, fresh off an all-around champi-

onship on Friday, scored a 9.837 to capture the title and one of three individual event titles he won that day. Entering the Big Ten Championships, Krob was ranked eighth in the nation in that event and he should advance to the NCAA East Regionals.

WINTER HEATING UP: Sophomore **RYAN WINTERBOURNE'S** (Anaheim, Calif.) has had to grow up fast this year. In his first season of competition, Winterbourne has shown a glimpse of a bright future ahead. He added a new job title to his resume at the Big Ten Championships: All-Around. For the first time this season, Winterbourne competed in all six events. He scored a 9.150 on the vault, his first attempt of the year. A sub-par performance on the horizontal bar on Friday though, relegated the sophomore to 21st place with a total score of 53.450.



LINDSEY LIGHTS IT UP: Sophomore Lindsey Fang entered the Golden Gopher Gymnastics program with very high expectations after an excellent amateur career. Fang has come on as of late with a career-high all-around performance at the Big Ten Championships. He finished in seventh place with a personal-best score of 56.475. Fang bolstered the total with a personal-best 9.575 on the horizontal bar and a career-high tying 9.650 on the vault.

COACH ROETHLISBERGER: Head Coach Fred Roethlisberger is in his 27th year at the helm of the University of Minnesota Gymnastics program. Roethlisberger has led his team to 11 Big Ten Championships during his tenure and has a 170-73-1 (.710) career record.

SCOREBOARD

1998 MEN'S GYMNASTICS SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Site/Result
Jan. 10	Alumni Meet	* L 213.90-221.85
Jan. 17	Windy City Invitational	7th/213.85
Jan. 31	Ohio State	L 217.95-226.35
Feb. 7	Illinois	L 221.070-216.550
Feb. 13	Michigan State	L 221.75-228.425
Feb. 14	Michigan	L 222.575-226.85
Feb. 27	Nebraska	L 221.275-229.575
Mar. 1	Iowa	L 222-90-226.40
Mar. 7	Illinois-Chicago	W 224.100-220.800
Mar. 20-21	Big Ten Championships	7th/222.225
April 4	NCAA East Regionals	Amherst, Mass.
April 16-18	NCAA Championships	University Park, Pa.

*Exhibition

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NCAA EAST REGIONAL: The NCAA East Regionals are set for April 4 in Amherst, Mass. The top six teams in the region qualify for the competition. As of last week's rankings, Minnesota is currently ninth in the region.

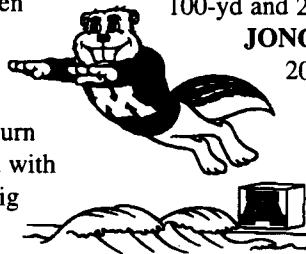
East Regional Rankings (as of March 9):

1. Iowa	229.025
2. Ohio State	228.950
3. Penn State	228.160
4. Michigan	227.250
5. Michigan State	226.833
6. Illinois	226.695
7. Massachusetts	226.133
8. Temple	224.742
9. Minnesota	222.808
10. Illinois-Chicago	221.892

SWIMMING & DIVING

THIS WEEK: The Golden Gophers compete at the NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships in Auburn, Ala., March 26-28.

A FEW GOOD MEN: Minnesota qualified 14 swimmers for the NCAA Championships this weekend. It is the largest number of qualifiers for the championships the Golden Gophers have ever had. The 14 swimmers also represent the third largest group of qualifiers in the NCAA Championships field. Stanford leads the bunch with 16 swimmers, followed by Auburn and Texas with 15 swimmers each. Minnesota is tied with Tennessee with 14 qualifiers. Michigan is the next Big Ten team behind the Golden Gophers with 10 qualifying swimmers.



RYAN CROSBY (So., River Falls, Wis.)

100-yd and 200-yd backstroke

OSCAR GODOI (So., San Jose do Rio Preto, Brazil)

100-yd breaststroke

ERIEK HULSEMAN, (Sr., Edina, Minn.)

100-yd backstroke,

LUIS LOPEZ (Jr., Aurora, Colo.)

50-yd and 100-yd freestyle

ALEX MASSURA (Fr., Belo Horizonte, Brazil)

100-yd and 200-yd backstroke, 100-yd freestyle

JONO MCLEOD (Jr., Regina, Sask.)

200-yd and 400-yd individual medley,

200-yd butterfly

YOAV MEIRI (So., Jerusalem, Israel)

200-yd and 400-yd individual medley,

200-yd butterfly

JEREMY RIENTS (Sr., Apple Valley, Minn.)

50-yd, 100-yd and 200-yd freestyle

BRANDON SCHINDLER (Jr., Saratoga, Calif.)

50-yd and 100-yd freestyle

MARTIN ZIELINSKI (Jr., Bloomington, Minn.)

100-yd and 200-yd butterfly, 100-yd backstroke

TID BITS ABOUT THE FIELD: Host Auburn is the defending champion after winning its first title a year ago • Michigan and Ohio State hold the most NCAA titles in history (11) • Texas has won the title five times in the last 10 years.

WHO'S GOING:

TY BATHURST (Sr., Albuquerque, N.M.)

50-yd and 100-yd freestyle, 100-yd breaststroke

BILL BISHOP (So., Barrington, Ill.)

500-yd freestyle, 1,650-yd freestyle, 400-yd individual medley

JOHN CAHOY (Jr., Hudson, Wis.)

50-yd and 100-yd freestyle, 100-yd butterfly

BRYAN CARLSON (So., Rosemount, Minn.)

200-yd freestyle

SCOREBOARD

1998 Big Ten Champions

OVERALL RECORD: 7-1; BIG TEN RECORD: 3-1

TOP INDIVIDUAL EVENT TIMES

(1997-98)

50 FREE — 19.80!*[^], Ty Bathurst (prelim, Big Tens)
100 FREE — 44.03*[^], John Cahoy (2nd, Big Tens)
200 FREE — 1:38.88[^], Jeremy Rients (9th, Big Tens)
500 FREE — 4:24.72[^], Bill Bishop (5th, Big Tens)
1000 FREE — 9:21.53, Bill Bishop (1st, vs. UNC)
1650 FREE — 15:18.50[^], Bill Bishop (4th, Big Tens)
100 BACK — 47.42!*^{#+}, Alex Massura (2nd, Big Tens)
200 BACK — 1:43.57*!#⁺, Alex Massura (2nd, Big Tens)
100 BREAST — 55.03*[^], Ty Bathurst (prelim, Big Tens)
200 BREAST — 2:02.55*, Oscar Godoi (prelim, Big Tens)
100 FLY — 47.10!, Martin Zielinski (prelim, Big Tens)
200 FLY — 1:47.44[^], Martin Zielinski (2nd, Big Tens)
200 IM — 1:48.55*[^], Alex Massura (prelim, Big Tens)
400 IM — 3:50.99*[^], Bill Bishop (2nd, Big Tens)

* personal best

[^] NCAA consideration

! NCAA automatic

+ Minnesota Varsity Record

Minnesota Freshman Record

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MINNESOTA AND THE NCAAS:

Under Head Coach **DENNIS DALES'S** 13-year reign, the Golden Gophers have placed as high as sixth in 1991-92. Since that season no Minnesota team has finished lower than 12th place at the NCAA Championships. Twelfth is where the Golden Gophers finished the last two seasons.

Minnesota has had 14 individual NCAA champions and two relay champions. The last Golden Gopher to bring home an NCAA crown was diver P.J. Bogart who won the 1-m springboard in 1996. The last swimmer to win an NCAA title was Walt Richardson who won the 100-yard butterfly in 1964 (50.20).

LAST SEASON'S NCAA RUN:

The 13-man NCAA team (12 swimmers and one diver) Minnesota brought to last season's championships was the most-ever by a U of M squad--until its 14 qualifiers this year. All five relay teams placed, the highest finishing fifth in the 200-yard medley relay. The Golden Gophers also finished 10th in the 800-yard freestyle relay, 11th in the 400-yard medley relay and 12th in both the 200-yard and 400-yard freestyle relay. Individually, records fell as sophomore **MARTIN ZIELINSKI** shattered the 100-yard butterfly school record time when he swam to a fourth-place finish in 47.00. It was the highest ever finish by a U of M swimmer in that event. Freshman **BILL BISHOP** also broke a Maroon and Gold record taking eighth place in the 1,650-yard freestyle (15:10.55).

TENNIS

THIS WEEK: The 46th-ranked Golden Gophers (4-5 overall; 1-1 Big Ten) face South Alabama Monday, March 23 in Mobile, Ala., at 1 p.m. Minnesota then competes at Tulane Wednesday, March 25 at 1 p.m., before hosting Penn State Friday and Indiana State Saturday. Both home matches will be played at the 98th Street Courts in Bloomington.

AGAINST SOUTH ALABAMA: Thirty-third ranked South Alabama holds a 2-1 series advantage over the Golden Gophers. Last season Minnesota defeated South Alabama 4-3, but suffered a 4-0 defeat this year at the H.E.B. Classic, March 7. The U of M lost two of three doubles matches and three singles matches. The other matches did not finish.

AGAINST TULANE: Minnesota has yet to beat Tulane in four matches played between the two clubs. The latest defeat came in Corpus Christi, Texas when the Green Wave topped the Golden Gophers 4-2 March 7.

VS. PENN STATE: Conversely to the Tulane series, Penn State has yet to win against the Golden Gophers in five meetings. The last tango between these two clubs came in 1996 when Minnesota handed Penn State a 6-1 loss.

VS. INDIANA STATE: ISU and the U of M have not met on the courts since the 1977 season. That year Indiana State topped the Golden Gophers 5-4.

LAST ACTION: The Golden Gophers won their opening match of the H.E.B. Classic, March 6-8, with a 4-1 win over Baylor. Minnesota then lost three straight matches to South Alabama 4-0, Tulane 4-2 and UNLV 4-1. Only freshman **JON SVENSSON** (Kristianstad, Sweden) and junior **MARTIN KRISTOFFERSEN** (Portsgrunn, Norway) came away unscathed as the pair won every singles match they played.



GOOSE EGG: Freshman **JON SVENSSON** and junior **MARTIN KRISTOFFERSEN** are the only two U of M players with undefeated dual match records. Svensson is 5-0 at No. 6 singles, and has two wins at No. 5 and one win at No. 2 singles. Kristoffersen, seventh in the singles lineup, holds a 2-0 record at No. 6 singles.

DOUBLE FIGURES: Minnesota's starting lineup features five of its six singles players with double digits in the win column. **TOM CHICOINE** carries a 15-12 record, followed by freshman **JORGE DUENAS** (Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic) who holds a 14-12 record. **MARTIN MICHALOWSKI** also carries a 14-10 record, while fellow Canadian countryman freshman **TYSON PARRY** (Chatham, Ontario) brings an 12-12 record to the court. Freshman **JON SVENSSON** is 14-8.

SCOREBOARD

Singles	Overall	Dual	Tourn.	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6
Tom Chicoine	15-12	2-7	13-5	2-7					
Adam Selkirk	6-14	2-5	4-9		2-4	0-1			
M. Michalowski	14-10	2-4	12-6		1-0	1-4			
Jorge Duenas	14-12	2-5	12-7			1-2	1-3		
Tyson Parry	12-12	4-4	8-8				1-1	3-2	
Jon Svensson	14-8	8-0	6-8		1-0		1-0	2-0	4-0
M. Kristoffersen	8-7	2-0	6-7						2-0
Ed Marques	2-8		2-8						
Voke Okoh	0-2		0-2						

Doubles	Overall	Dual	Tourn.	#1	#2	#3
Michalowski/Parry	12-8	1-5	11-3	1-5		
Chicoine/Duenas	8-9	3-3	5-6		3-3	
Duenas/Svensson	1-0	1-0	0-0		1-0	
Kristoffersen/Selkirk	1-0	1-0	0-0			1-0
Selkirk/Svensson	7-4	3-1	4-3			3-1
Kristoffersen/Svensson	3-1	1-0	2-1			1-0
Kristoffersen/Parry	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1		
Marques/Dvorak	1-1		1-1			
Marques/Okoh	1-1		1-1			

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THE LINEUP: The probable starting lineup for the Golden Gophers is as follows:

- No. 1 **TOM CHICOINE** (Neenah, Wis.)
- No. 2 **ADAM SELKIRK** (St. Joseph, Mo.)
- No. 3 **MARTIN MICHALOWSKI** (Ottawa, Ont.)
- No. 4 **JORGE DUENAS** (Santo Domingo, Dominican Rep.)
- No. 5 **TYSON PARRY** (Chatham, Ont.)
- No. 6 **JON SVENSSON** (Kristianstad, Sweden)

Doubles

- No. 1 Michalowski/Parry
- No. 2 Chicoine/Duenas
- No. 3 Selkirk/Svensson

MILESTONES: Junior **TOM CHICOINE** (Neenah, Wis.) has 70 career singles wins, leading all active Golden Gophers. Additionally, Chicoine's 43 career doubles wins are seven shy of 50 career doubles wins.

Selkirk is fast approaching 50 career singles wins, as he is just three victories shy of the mark (47). Only a sophomore, **MARTIN MICHALOWSKI** (Ottawa, Canada) already has 35 singles wins for his career.

Head Coach **DAVID GEATZ** earned the 300th victory of his coaching career with a 5-2 win over his alma mater, New Mexico, Jan. 16. Geatz currently has 182 wins in his 10th season with Minnesota and is 303-141 during his 14-plus years of coaching.

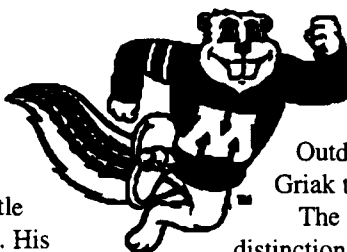
TRACK & FIELD

THIS WEEK: Minnesota opens its outdoor season with the Arizona State Invitational in Tempe, Ariz., March 27-28.

OUTDOORSY: Minnesota brings a strong outdoor contingent to the 1998 spring season. The Golden Gophers will carry its entire indoor roster along with new healthy additions into the new season. Minnesota's indoor crew won the school's first-ever Big Ten Indoor Championship and finished tied for 14th at the NCAA Championships.

Individually, the outdoor season could bring along more hardware to add to the accomplishments from the winter months. The foursome of All-Americans include NCAA Indoor Pole Vault Champion **VESA RANTANEN** (Virrat, Finland) who won the 1997 Big Ten Outdoor Pole Vault title and captured titles at the Texas and Drake Relays. His vault at the Texas Relays (18-5 1/4) broke a Minnesota school outdoor record and set a personal best. He is currently tied with **TYE HARVEY** (Jamestown, Calif.) for the school indoor pole vault record (18-21 1/2).

All-America pole vaulter **TYE HARVEY** will also be back stronger from a season's experience following wrist surgery last spring. Harvey could not defend his 1997 Big Ten indoor pole vault championship in during the outdoor season because of an injury to his wrist sustained in a car accident on the way to the championships.



Also in the hunt for a big spring is Big Ten indoor high jump champion **STAFFAN STRAND** (Uppsland-Vasby, Sweden) and two-time Big Ten indoor champion heptathlete **BENJAMIN JENSEN** (Mandal, Norway). Strand won both the 1997 and 1998 Big Ten Indoor Championships and the 1997 Outdoor Championship in the high jump and took second at the 1997 NCAA Outdoor Championship. Jensen won the decathlon at the 1997 Mt. SAC relays and placed third in the event at last season's NCAA Outdoor Championships with a school-record 7,716 points.

RECAPPING LAST SEASON: The Golden Gophers took second at the Big Ten Outdoor Championships for the second straight season last year and placed ninth at the NCAA Outdoor Championship, its highest finish since Roy Griak took the team to an eighth-place finish in 1971. The Golden Gophers were awarded four All-America distinctions and shattered four outdoor school records and a freshman record. Rantanen earned Big Ten Athlete of the Month honors in April and Strand was named Big Ten Freshman of the year.

During the season of competitions, Minnesota won two titles at the prestigious Drake Relays. Rantanen won the pole vault and the U of M's 4x100 shuttle hurdle relay won its first crown at that event since 1955.

SCOREBOARD

TOP OUTDOOR PERFORMANCES (1997)

100m Dash -- Tim Van Voorhis, 10.37
200m Dash -- Adam Freed, 21.57\$
400m Dash -- Scott Beadle, 47.32
800m Run -- Ron Hoffner, 1:50.82\$
1,500m Run -- Rick Obleman, 3:53.23\$
3,000m Run -- Jeremy Polson, 8:39.56
3,000m Steeplechase -- Rick Obleman, 8:52.49
5,000m Run -- Rick Obleman, 14:51.82\$
110m High Hurdles -- Niles Deneen, 13.95*\$
400m Hurdles -- Aaron Wheatcraft, 53.22\$
4x100m Relay -- 41.39
1,600m Relay -- 3:15.80
High Jump -- Staffan Strand, 7-4 1/2*!#
Pole Vault -- Vesa Rantanen, 18-5 1/4*!&\$
Long Jump -- Staffan Strand, 22-4 1/4
Triple Jump -- Staffan Strand, 48-9
Shot Put -- Chad Yenchesky, 59-2 3/4*\$
Discus -- Jason Schuøker, 198-3&*!\$
Javelin -- Benjamin Jensen, 184-10
Decathlon -- Benjamin Jensen, 7,716*!&\$

Key:

* NCAA Provisional

! NCAA Automatic

& Minnesota School Record

@ Field House Record

^ Big Ten Record

\$ Personal Best

U of M Freshman Record

GOPHER FLASHES

IT'S A FIRST!: The University of Minnesota took home its first Big Ten Indoor Championship at Purdue University, Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 28-March 1. The Golden Gophers upended three-time defending champion Wisconsin on the strength of two individual event titles.

Minnesota earned points in all but two events, one of which had no Golden Gopher entries.

The Golden Gophers, who had not won a Big Ten Track and Field title since the outdoor team won in 1968, finished 14 points ahead of the Badgers.

AT THE INDOOR NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS: The men's track and field team added an extra-special punch to the weekend with its Big Ten Championship. After the men's swimming and diving team captured its second Big Ten crown of the 1990s, less than 24 hours later the track and field team brought another Big Ten Championship home to Minneapolis. The double whammy marked the first time since 1995 that two Big Ten Championships were won in the same year. The two championships within one sports season had not been done since 1992, but remarkably it was not the first time two Big Ten titles were won in one weekend. In 1982 the men's basketball team captured the outright Big Ten title on March 6 with a 87-75 win over Ohio State. On March 7, the men's gymnastics team won the Big Ten title in Wisconsin by a margin of .90 points.

WRESTLING

MINNESOTA TAKES SECOND AT NCAAS, ITS BEST FINISH EVER:

The Golden Gophers took second at the 1998 NCAA Wrestling Championships, held in Cleveland State University's Convocation Center, March 19-21. It was a weekend of firsts for the Golden Gophers as the team crowned its first NCAA champion since 1991 in 190-pounder **TIM HARTUNG (Jr., Durand, Wis.)**, finished second for the first time in school history and brought home a school-record six All-Americans.

Minnesota finished with 102 team points, just behind tournament winner Iowa at 115. Iowa won its fourth straight NCAA title, and pre-tournament favorite Oklahoma State finished third with 99.5 points. For Minnesota, the runner-up finish marked its highest finish ever, surpassing the third-place finishes last year, in 1941 and in 1937.

The Big Ten Conference dominated the NCAA meet, crowning six individual champions and 34 All-Americans which was double the accomplishments of any other conference. Three of the top five teams and 10 of the top 25 hailed from the Big Ten (1. Iowa, 2. Minnesota, 4. Penn State, 7. Illinois, 12. Michigan, 13. Michigan State, 18. Northwestern, 19. Wisconsin, 24. Purdue, 25. Indiana).

HARTUNG BECOMES MINNESOTA'S FIRST NCAA CHAMPION SINCE 1991:

With his 5-4 overtime victory over Edinboro's previously unbeaten Jason Robison at 190 pounds, junior **TIM HARTUNG** became Minnesota's first NCAA champion since **MARTY MORGAN** in 1991.

Hartung fell behind 4-2 in the second period but closed the gap to 4-3 with a reversal just five seconds before its end. The two-time All-American then scored an escape at the beginning of the third period to send the match into overtime.

The two circled for 32 seconds of the extra session before Hartung grabbed Robison's leg to score the takedown and the 5-4 victory.

Current assistant head coach Marty Morgan won his NCAA title at 177 pounds in 1991. Hartung became Minnesota's 10th NCAA champion and head coach **J ROBINSON'S** second during his 11-year career at the U of M.



MINNESOTA CROWNS A SCHOOL-RECORD SIX ALL-AMERICANS:

Minnesota wrestlers brought home a school-record six All-America honors with their performances at the NCAA Championships, surpassing the five that the team earned last year.

For the Gophers, junior **CHAD KRAFT (Lakefield, Minn.)** lost his match 7-3 in the finals to Illinois' Eric Siebert, who remained undefeated for the season. The

match remained scoreless for the first minute when Kraft, a three-time All-American, fell to the side of the mat, clutching a injured right ankle. Just four seconds after the injury timeout, Siebert scored the first of three takedowns in the match.

Heavyweight **SHELTON BENJAMIN (Orangeburg, S.C.)** finished third, avenging a quarterfinals loss to Lehigh's Bill Closson with a 5-3 decision for his second career All-America distinction. Three-time All-American **JASON DAVIDS (Forest Lake, Minn.)** took fourth at 142 pounds after Oregon's Oscar Wood pinned him in 2:46 in the third-place match.

SCOREBOARD

1998 FINAL INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

Wt.	Name	Overall	Total	Dual	Big Ten	Pins
118	Brett Lawrence	16-10	16-10	11-9	2-5	3
	Leroy Vega	11-2	11-2	0-0	0-0	1
	Julio Alaniz	6-4	6-4	0-0	0-0	0
126	Brandon Paulson	9-4	9-4	1-0	1-0	2
	Bart Golyer	20-8	19-7	9-4	3-4	7
134	Pat Connors	17-4	9-4	5-3	1-0	4
	Chad Erikson	11-3	11-3	0-0	0-0	3
	Ty Friederichs	11-7	11-7	0-0	0-0	1
	Pat Connors		8-0	4-0	0-0	3
	Bart Golyer		1-1	1-1	0-0	0
	Josh Krebs	11-6	11-6	2-1	0-0	3
	Troy Marr	30-11	16-9	8-4	5-3	2
142	Jason Davids	36-5	36-5	19-2	6-2	17
	Joe Calavitta	8-2	8-2	0-0	0-0	2
	Troy Marr		14-1	0-0	0-0	0
150	Chad Kraft	26-3	25-3	17-1	6-1	2
	Brad Pike	15-5	15-5	0-2	0-1	3
	Eddie Pak	5-6	5-6	0-0	0-0	0
	Troy Marr		0-1	0-1	0-0	0
158	Tim Kinsella	13-2	13-2	1-0	0-0	1
	Jesse Krebs	6-5	6-5	0-1	0-0	0
	Josh Holiday	31-5	31-5	16-2	6-1	4
	Chad Kraft		1-0	1-0	1-0	0
167	Delaney Berger	18-2	16-1	2-0	0-0	2
	Zac Taylor	30-10	30-10	15-4	5-3	7
	Mike Cuperus	14-2	14-2	0-0	0-0	5
	Matt Kraft	6-2	6-2	0-0	0-0	0
177	Brandon Eggum	29-6	29-6	14-2	1-2	6
	Kenneth Howard	3-3	3-3	0-0	0-0	1
	Delaney Berger		3-1	3-1	3-1	0
190	Tim Hartung	36-1	36-1	20-1	8-0	19
	Owen Elzen	7-4	7-4	0-0	0-0	4
HWT	Shelton Benjamin	36-6	36-6	16-3	7-1	12
	Brent Boeshans	13-4	13-4	2-0	0-0	1

GOPHER FLASHES

FINAL RANKINGS: Individually, All-American and defending Big Ten champion **TIM HARTUNG** is the top-ranked Golden Gophers in the final Intermat/W.I.N. rankings. Hartung is ranked second at 190 pounds.

Junior **CHAD KRAFT**, a two-time All-American who took third at the NCAAs last year, is ranked third at 150 pounds after a tough loss to Penn State's then No. 3-ranked Clint Musser three weeks ago. Senior **JASON DAVIDS** moved to third in the latest rankings at 142 pounds after holding the top spot for much of the year. Senior All-American **SHELTON BENJAMIN** is ranked third at heavyweight after finishing second at the Big Ten championships.

Other ranked Minnesota wrestlers include junior **TROY MARR (Wyoming, Minn.)** who is the 17th-ranked wrestler at 134, senior **ZAC TAYLOR (Sandpoint, Idaho)**, 10th at 167, junior **JOSH HOLIDAY (Anaheim, Calif.)**, seventh at 158 and sophomore **BRANDON EGGUM (Sidney, Mont.)**, 14th at 177. Senior **BRANDON PAULSON (Coon Rapids, Minn.)** made his first appearance of the season three weeks ago and finished as the nation's 18th-best wrestler at 118 pounds.

WRESTLING

Sophomore **BRANDON EGGUM** earned the first All-America honor of his career, taking fifth at 177 pounds with a 3-1 decision over Illinois' Jevon Herman.

Senior **BRANDON PAULSON** completed his comeback and his career with his first All-America honor, taking seventh at 118 pounds with a 3-2 victory over Rider's John Carvalheira.

With their finishes, Kraft and Davids become Minnesota's first three-time All-Americans since current marketing and promotions director **BILLY PIERCE** (1993, 1995-96).

DAVIDS IS SCHOOL RECORD HOLDER IN DUAL-MEET WINS: Two-time All-American **JASON DAVIDS** became the all-time school record holder for dual-meet wins with a 19-2 mark this year and a 79-12-0 record for his career. With his third consecutive 30-win season (36-5 this year), Davids finished third on school lists for all-time career victories and pins. With a 4-2 record at NAAs, he finished in third place in career wins with a 131-27-0 record and into third place for career pins with 38, including wins by fall in his first two matches at NAAs.

Fellow seniors **ZAC TAYLOR** and **BRANDON PAULSON** also finished their careers as Golden Gophers in the top 20 in career wins. Taylor finished seventh with a career record of 117-34-0 and tied for 10th with 23 career pins. With his return to the team on Feb. 20 and a 5-2 record at NAAs, Paulson moved into 17th place with a career record of 87-34-0.

DENTING THE RECORD BOOK: Several Golden Gophers are also climbing their way into Minnesota's record book. In just three seasons, juniors **TIM HARTUNG** and **CHAD KRAFT** have also moved into the Golden Gopher record book. Hartung is tied for 14th place with a career mark of 94-21-0. Kraft is now ranked 18th with a career mark of 86-19-0. Hartung also stands in third with 35 career pins, including a team-leading 19 this year.

MINNESOTA SETS SCHOOL MARK FOR ATTENDANCE: The Golden Gophers set a school record this year when 11,284 fans turned out to watch Iowa defeat Minnesota 20-12 on Jan. 23. The attendance mark surpasses the old record set Feb. 3, 1980, when 9,225 fans watched Iowa State defeat the Golden Gophers 19-18 at Williams Arena. The NCAA record for attendance at a dual meet was set Feb. 22, 1992, when 15,291 fans watched Iowa defeat Iowa State 29-8 at Carver-Hawkeye Arena in Iowa City.

NINE FINISH WITH 20 WINS: Nine Gophers finished the season with at least 20 wins this year. Senior **JASON DAVIDS** (36-5 at 142 pounds), junior **TIM HARTUNG** (36-1 at 190) and senior **SHELTON BENJAMIN** (36-6 at HWT) tied for the team lead with 36 wins each. Others with 20 wins include junior **TROY MARR** (134) at 30-11, senior **ZAC TAYLOR** (167) at 30-10, junior **JOSH HOLIDAY** (158) at 31-5, sophomore **BRANDON EGGUM** (177) at 29-6, junior **BART GOLYER** (126; Cedar, Minn.) at 20-8 and junior **CHAD KRAFT** (150) at 26-3.

Individual Results from the 1998 NCAA Wrestling Championships
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Brandon Paulson, unseeded at 118, 5-2 Seventh place
Paulson (UM) pinned Tom Combes (Eastern Illinois), 2:55
No. 1 David Morgan (Michigan State) dec. Paulson (UM) 8-0
Paulson (UM) dec. Ben Richards (Oregon State) 10-8 (ot)
Paulson (UM) dec. No. 9 Cody Sanderson (Iowa State) 8-6
Paulson (UM) dec. No. 6 Shane Valdez (Oklahoma) 7-4
No. 2 Stephen Abas (Fresno State) dec. Paulson (UM) 10-5

Paulson (UM) dec. No. 4 John Carvalheira (Rider) 3-2 (tb) (seventh)

Troy Marr, unseeded at 134, 2-2 DNP
No. 11 Brad Canoyer (Nebraska) dec. Marr (UM) 5-3
Marr (UM) tech. Fall Quinn Foster (Arizona State) 19-2, 7:00
Marr (UM) dec. Mike Collier (UC Davis) 5-3
Sean Gray (Virginia Tech) pinned Marr (UM) 2:22

Jason Davids, No. 3 seed at 142, 4-2 Fourth place
No. 3 Jason Davids (UM) pinned Mike Ziska (Pittsburgh), 3:16
No. 3 Davids (UM) pinned Shane Mack (Maryland), 4:48
No. 3 Davids (UM) dec. No. 6 Adam Tirapelle (Illinois) 9-5
No. 2 Jeff McGinness (Iowa) dec. No. 3 Davids (UM) 7-4
No. 3 Davids (UM) dec. No. 5 Jamarr Billman (Penn State) 12-5
No. 9 Oscar Wood (Oregon State) pinned No. 3 Davids (UM), 2:46

Chad Kraft, No. 3 seed at 150, 4-1 Second place
No. 3 Chad Kraft (UM) major dec. Ben Gerdes (Lock Haven) 12-1
No. 3 Kraft (UM) major dec. Jeff Whalen (Maryland) 12-4
No. 3 Kraft (UM) dec. No. 6 Steve Blackford (Arizona State) 4-3
No. 3 Kraft (UM) dec. No. 2 Clint Musser (Penn State) 3-2
No. 1 Eric Siebert (Illinois) dec. No. 3 Kraft (UM) 7-3

Josh Holiday, No. 8 seed at 158, 2-2 DNP
Jamie Kelly (Old Dominion) dec. No. 8 Josh Holiday (UM) 4-2 (sd)
No. 8 Holiday (UM) dec. Dan Dicesare (Ohio State) 3-1
No. 8 Holiday (UM) dec. Maurice Worthy (Army) 7-6
No. 10 Matt Suter (Arizona State) dec. No. 8 Holiday (UM) 2-0

Zac Taylor, No. 9 seed at 167, 1-2 DNP
No. 9 Zac Taylor (UM) major dec. Lionel Halsey (Cal St. Bakersfield) 15-3
No. 8 Glenn Pritzlaff (Penn State) dec. No. 9 Taylor (UM) 6-5 (tb)
Kevin Welsh (Edinboro) dec. No. 9 Taylor (UM) 7-6

Brandon Eggum, No. 10 seed at 177, 5-2 Fifth place
Leo Giel (Rider) dec. No. 10 Brandon Eggum (UM) 2-2 (tb)
No. 10 Eggum (UM) dec. Steve Alf (Wisconsin) 7-2
No. 10 Eggum (UM) major dec. Dave Murray (Lock Haven) 15-4
No. 10 Eggum (UM) tech. fall Paul Jenn (Iowa) 20-5, 6:58
No. 10 Eggum (UM) dec. Mike Greenfield (Central Michigan) 5-4
No. 5 John Withrow (Pittsburgh) dec. No. 10 Eggum (UM) 3-2
No. 10 Eggum (UM) dec. No. 4 Jevon Herman (Illinois) 3-1

Tim Hartung, No. 2 seed at 190, 5-0 First place
No. 2 Tim Hartung (UM) major dec. Martius Harding (Virginia) 10-1
No. 2 Hartung (UM) major dec. Orville Palmer (Oklahoma) 13-1
No. 2 Hartung (UM) major dec. No. 7 Sam Neider (Northwestern) 12-4
No. 2 Hartung (UM) dec. No. 3 Lee Fullhart (Iowa) 8-7
No. 2 Hartung (UM) dec. No. 1 Jason Robison (Edinboro) 5-4 (sd)

Shelton Benjamin, No. 4 seed at Hwt, 6-1 Third place
No. 4 Shelton Benjamin pinned John-Henry Ward (Oklahoma), 6:51
No. 4 Benjamin (UM) dec. David Pierce (Purdue) 3-2
No. 5 Bill Closson (Lehigh) dec. No. 4 Benjamin (UM) 5-4
No. 4 Shelton Benjamin (UM) dec. No. 10 Mat Orndorff (Oregon State) 9-8
No. 4 Benjamin (UM) pinned No. 12 Wes Hand (Iowa), :50
No. 4 Benjamin (UM) dec. No. 2 Airron Richardson (Michigan) 3-1 (sd)
No. 4 Benjamin (UM) dec. No. 5 Bill Closson (Lehigh) 5-3

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THIS WEEK IN GOPHER SPORTS

- Wed., April 1**
 - ☐ **Swimming** vs. Phillips 66 National Chmps
U of M Aquatic Center
Prelims: 9 a.m.
Finals: 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.
 - ☐ **Baseball** at Northern Iowa
Waterloo, Iowa
3 p.m.

- Thurs., April 2**
 - ☐ **Swimming** vs. Phillips 66 National Chmps
U of M Aquatic Center
Prelims: 9 a.m.
Finals: 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.

- Fri., April 3**
 - ☐ **Baseball** vs. Iowa
Siebert Field
KKMS-AM (980) (TD)
3 p.m.
 - ☐ **Swimming** vs. Phillips 66 National Chmps
U of M Aquatic Center
Prelims: 9 a.m.
Finals: 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.
 - ☐ **Track & Field** at Texas Relays
Austin, Texas
All Day

- Sat., April 4**
 - ☐ **Baseball** vs. Iowa (2)
Siebert Field
KKMS-AM (980) (Live)
MSC (Live)
2 p.m.
 - ☐ **Gymnastics** at NCAA Central Regionals
Amherst, Mass.
All Day
 - ☐ **Swimming** vs. Phillips 66 National Chmps
U of M Aquatic Center
Prelims: 9 a.m.
Finals: 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.
 - ☐ **Tennis** at Michigan State
East Lansing, Mich.
1 p.m.
 - ☐ **Track & Field** at Cyclone Open
Ames, Iowa
All Day
 - ☐ **Track & Field** at Texas Relays
Austin, Texas
All Day

- Sun., April 5**
 - ☐ **Baseball** vs. Iowa
Siebert Field
KKMS-AM (980) (Live)
1 p.m.
 - ☐ **Swimming** vs. Phillips 66 National Chmps
U of M Aquatic Center
Prelims: 9 a.m.
Finals: 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.
 - ☐ **Tennis** at Michigan
Ann Arbor, Mich.
1 p.m.

ACADEMICALLY INCLINED

Two University of Minnesota student-athletes have been named to the GTE Academic All-District Team. Swimming juniors **JOHN CAHOY** and **MARTIN ZIELINSKI** represented the Golden Gophers in District V. Cahoy registered his eighth consecutive 4.0 grade-point average (GPA) in chemistry last quarter, while Zielinski carries a 3.63 GPA in biology/pre-medicine. Both competed at the NCAA Championships March 26-28.

GOPHER HOTLINE

The Golden Gopher Hotline features daily interviews with players and coaches. It is available to the media 24 hours a day by calling (612) 625-7887. The hotline is broadcast quality and is changed by noon each day. This service is for media use only. The schedule for this week is as follows:

Tuesday, March 31:
Head Minnesota Football Coach **GLEN MASON** previews the spring football season.

Wednesday, April 1:
Senior outfielder **MIKE ARLT** on the upcoming games against Northern Iowa and Iowa.

Thursday, April 2:
Head Baseball Coach **JOHN ANDERSON** previews the Iowa series.

Friday, April 3:
Junior linebacker **PARC WILLIAMS** previews the spring football season.

WEEKLY RELEASES

The University of Minnesota Men's Media Relations Office will be producing five separate releases during the 1997-98 academic year. Football, basketball, hockey and baseball information will be covered in sport-specific weekly releases, while information on "Olympic Sports" will appear each Monday in this release. Please refer any questions to the Men's Media Relations office at (612) 625-4090.

GOLF

with the championship. Minnesota won the ReliaStar Collegiate Invitational at Dellwood Golf Club last September. Minnesota now has six top five finishes to its credit in eight tournaments this season.

THIS WEEK: The Golden Gopher men's golf team is idle from competition until April 10-11 when the team participates in the Marshall Invitational in Huntington, W. Va.

The U of M, which shot a three-day total of 5-over par 869, was trailed by runner-up Miami of Ohio's 29-over par total of 893. There were nine Big Ten teams participating in the weekend tournament. The Golden Gophers finished in sixth place in last season's Dr. Pepper Intercollegiate.

MINNESOTA CRUISES TO DR. PEPPER INTER-COLLEGIATE TITLE:

Golden Gopher freshman **JAMES McLEAN** (Wahgunyah, Australia) captured medalist honors with a three-round total of 4-under par 212 (70-69-73) to lead Minnesota to a huge 24-shot win last weekend in the 1998 Dr. Pepper Intercollegiate at Tanglewood Resort in Lake Texoma, Texas. Minnesota owned three individual top 10 finishes to run away with the team title, with sophomore **MARTIN LeMESURIER** (South Hampton, England) (72-73-73--218) tied for sixth and senior captain **ROB KERR** (Pointe Claire, Quebec) (74-71-74--219) tied for eighth place.



MINNESOTA NINTH AT CUSCOWILLA INTER-

COLLEGIATE: MARTIN LeMESURIER's final round 68 was one of just seven sub-par rounds among 60 individuals last Monday as the Golden Gophers concluded play in the 1998 Cuscowilla Intercollegiate at the Cuscowilla Golf Club in Eatonton, Georgia.

Minnesota placed ninth among 12 teams in the powerful field which included third-ranked Georgia Tech, fourth-ranked Clemson, No. 14 East Tennessee State, and No. 18 North Carolina State. The Golden Gophers finished one shot behind East Tennessee State and Wake Forest, and just two shots behind sixth-place Louisiana State. The event was won by No. 13 North Carolina, as the Tar Heels fired a final round 7-under par 273 to outdistance runner-up Georgia Tech by seven shots.

James McLean finished alone in 11th place with a three-over par total of 213 in the 54-hole event. LeMesurier's 68 was good enough to push him to a tie for 12th place in the final individual standings.

The Golden Gophers won their second team title of the season

SCOREBOARD

Dr. Pepper Intercollegiate/Tanglewood Resort

Par: 72 Yardage: 6,993

Final Tournament Totals

Teams	Scores
#27 Minnesota	291-284-294--869 (+5)
Miami (Ohio)	306-286-301--893 (+29)
Toledo	304-300-290--894 (+30)
Southern Methodist	314-287-293--894 (+30)
Kent State	299-301-296--896 (+32)
Indiana	312-296-293--901 (+37)
Nebraska	305-299-297--901 (+37)
Northwestern	297-304-301--902 (+38)
Colorado	313-298-300--911 (+47)
Illinois	304-308-301--913 (+49)
Jackson State	300-303-311--914 (+50)
Purdue	307-304-312--923 (+59)
Michigan	312-302-311--925 (+61)
Wisconsin	313-304-311--928 (+64)
Iowa	305-318-307--930 (+66)
Northern Illinois	322-308-302--932 (+68)
Penn State	314-310-315--939 (+75)
Akron	314-314-317--945 (+81)

Dr. Pepper Intercollegiate/Tanglewood Resort

Par: 72 Yardage: 6,993

Final Tournament Totals

Top 10 Individuals

Player	School	Scores (-/+)
1. James McLean	Minnesota	70-69-73--212 (-4)
2. Randy Leen	Indiana	72-70-73--215 (-1)
3. Kyle Voska	Miami (OH)	75-69-72--216 (E)
C.J. Brock	Wisconsin	72-71-73--216 (E)
5. Luke Donald	Northwestern	72-73-72--217 (+1)
6. Martin LeMesurier	Minnesota	72-73-73--218 (+2)
Tee McCabe	Miami (OH)	77-70-71--218 (+2)

8. Rob Kerr	Minnesota	74-71-74--219 (+3)
Hugh Smith	Jackson State	70-73-76--219 (+3)
Hank Kuehne	SMU	75-71-73--219 (+3)
Todd Lancaster	Kent State	73-77-69--219 (+3)
Tim Rice	Toledo	73-76-70--219 (+3)

Golden Gopher Scores

Player	Scores (Place)
James McLean	70-69-73--212 (1)
Martin LeMesurier	72-73-73--218 (T-6)
Rob Kerr	74-71-74--219 (T-8)
Adam Dooley	77-71-76--224 (T-17)
Bill Thompson	75-75-74--224 (T-17)

Cuscowilla Intercollegiate/The Golf Club at Cuscowilla

Par: 70 Yardage: 6,718

54 Hole Tournament Totals

Teams	Scores
#13 North Carolina	287-281-273--841
#4 Clemson	288-279-280--847
#3 Georgia Tech	281-286-287--854
Duke	290-283-288--861
#18 North Carolina State	291-283-289--863
#22 Louisiana State	292-292-288--872
#14 East Tennessee State	294-291-288--873
#32 Wake Forest	293-292-288--873
#27 Minnesota	301-289-284--874
Kent State	302-295-302--899
Missouri	305-287-307--899
Virginia Tech	304-303-307--914

Golden Gopher Scores

Player	Scores (Place)
James McLean	74-67-72--213 (11)
Martin LeMesurier	71-75-68--214 (T-12)
Bill Thompson	78-72-73--223 (T-38)
Rob Kerr	78-75-71--224 (T-41)
Andy Komor	78-78-74--230 (T-52)

GYMNASTICS

THIS WEEK: The 14th-ranked Golden Gophers completed the team portion of their 1998 season at the Big Ten Championships, March 20-21. Seeded ninth in the region as of last week, it appears unlikely the team will advance to the NCAA East Regionals. Several individuals, however, are likely to advance on their own.

LAST ACTION: Minnesota finished in seventh place at the 1998 Big Ten Championships in Ann Arbor, Mich. The Golden Gophers scored a team total of 222.225, while Iowa captured the title with 230.525 points. Penn State and two-time defending champion Ohio State finished behind the Hawkeyes.

SOUR NOTE: Minnesota's seventh-place finish at Big Tens marked the first time in Head Coach Fred Roethlisberger's illustrious career his team has finished in the lower half of the conference. Roethlisberger can take solace in the fact that despite losing three key scholarship athletes to season-ending injuries at the beginning of the year, his young and untested Golden Gopher squad improved consistently throughout the season.

THE SPECIALIST: Junior **JASON KROB** (St. Charles, Mo.), a specialist on the pommel horse, looks to advance to the NCAA East Regionals for the second consecutive season. Last year, Krob finished took fifth with a 9.675 and advanced to the NCAA Championships. This season, Krob is currently ranked

10th in the nation and has two first-place and four second-place finishes in seven dual meets this season. At the Big Ten Championships, Krob was the only Golden Gopher to advance to the event finals. He finished sixth after posting a 9.650.

SENIOR LEADERSHIP: Senior co-captain **GEORGE BEATTY** (Aberdeen, N.J.) has had an outstanding final season. During the year, Beatty won six individual event titles, including four on the pommel horse. Heading into the East Regionals,

Beatty is ranked 12th nationally on the pommel horse. In Minnesota's victory over Illinois-Chicago to close out the regular season, Beatty established a career-high with a 9.775 on that event.



LINDSEY LIGHTS IT UP: Sophomore Lindsey Fang entered the Golden Gopher Gymnastics program with very high expectations after an excellent amateur career. Fang has come on as of late with a career-high performance at the Big Ten

Championships. He finished in seventh place with a career-high score of 56.475. Fang added a personal-best 9.575 on the horizontal bar and a career-high tying 9.650 on the vault.

COACH ROETHLISBERGER: Head Coach Fred Roethlisberger is in his 27th year at the helm of the University of Minnesota Gymnastics program. Roethlisberger has led his team to 11 Big Ten Championships during his tenure and has a 170-73-1 (.710) career record.

SCOREBOARD

1998 MEN'S GYMNASTICS SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Site/Result
Jan. 10	Alumni Meet	* L 213.90-221.85
Jan. 17	Windy City Invitational	7th/213.85
Jan. 31	Ohio State	L 217.95-226.35
Feb. 7	Illinois	L 221.070-216.550
Feb. 13	Michigan State	L 221.75-228.425
Feb. 14	Michigan	L 222.575-226.85
Feb. 27	Nebraska	L 221.275-229.575
Mar. 1	Iowa	L 222-90-226.40
Mar. 7	Illinois-Chicago	W 224.100-220.800
Mar. 20-21	Big Ten Championships	7th/222.225
April 4	NCAA East Regionals	Amherst, Mass.
April 16-18	NCAA Championships	University Park, Pa.

*Exhibition

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NCAA EAST REGIONAL: The NCAA East Regionals are set for April 4 in Amherst, Mass. The top six teams in the region qualify for the competition. As of last week's rankings, Minnesota is currently ninth in the region.

East Regional Rankings (as of March 9):

1. Iowa	229.025
2. Ohio State	228.950
3. Penn State	228.160
4. Michigan	227.250
5. Michigan State	226.833
6. Illinois	226.695
7. Massachusetts	226.133
8. Temple	224.742
9. Minnesota	222.808
10. Illinois-Chicago	221.892

SWIMMING & DIVING

THIS WEEK: The Golden Gopher swimmers compete at the Phillips 66 National Swimming Championships hosted by United States Swimming at the U of M Aquatic Center April 1-5.

A PEEK AT SENIOR NATIONALS: The Phillips 66 National Swimming Championships, commonly referred to as Senior Nationals, is a co-ed meet competed in long course meters. Collegiate meets are competed as short course yards, offering swimmers a much shorter distance and different strategy than Senior Nationals.

The Championships will be used, in part, to select the members of the 1998 Goodwill Games team. The meet will feature top swimmers from the collegiate forum, including several Golden Gophers, and top national swimmers like world champions Tom Dolan, Amy Van Dyken, Brooke Bennett and Bill Pilczuk.

The meet begins Wednesday, April 1, with preliminary races at 9 a.m. The men will compete first, followed by the women. Finals start at 5:30 p.m. for B and C finals, and at 7 p.m. for A finals.

NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS BRIEF: Minnesota took 14th at the NCAA Championships in Auburn Ala., March 26-28. The Golden Gophers amassed 105 points, collecting 23 honorable mention All-America and two All-America certificates.



Stanford won its eighth NCAA title, and first since 1994, by a commanding 599-394.5 margin over second-place Auburn. The Cardinal dominated the meet from start to finish, chalking up three relay titles and five individual crowns. Texas finished third (362.5), Tennessee was fourth (233) and Southern California took fifth (220). Michigan finished 12th.

INDIVIDUALLY SPEAKING: A trio of pleasantries at the NCAA Championships began with junior **MARTIN ZIELINSKI's** (Bloomington, Minn.) preliminary swim of the 100-yard butterfly. Zielinski tied his own school record time of 47.00 to become Minnesota's first championships finals competitor Friday. He went on to break that mark in the finals, swimming 46.74 to finish sixth in the finals.

The second bright spot came in the prelims of the 200-yard butterfly Saturday afternoon when sophomore **YOAV MEIRI** (Jerusalem, Israel) swam a career-best time of 1:46.12 to qualify for the consolation finals. Meiri finished 14th in the event to earn honorable mention All-America honors. The Golden Gophers ended the week-end with a record-breaking 400-yard freestyle relay finish. The team of freshman **ALEX MASSURA** (Belo Horizonte, Brazil), junior **JOHN CAHOY** (Hudson, Wis.) and seniors **JEREMY RIENTS** (Apple Valley, Minn.) and **TY BATHURST** (Albuquerque, N.M.) finished ninth with a Minnesota school record time of 2:54.87. The team of Massura, Cahoy, Rients and junior **LUIS LOPEZ** (Aurora, Colo.) held the old record of 2:55.03 set at this year's Big Ten Championships.

SCOREBOARD

1998 Big Ten Champions
14th at NCAA Championships
OVERALL RECORD: 7-1; BIG TEN RECORD: 3-1
TOP INDIVIDUAL EVENT TIMES
(1997-98)

50 FREE — 19.80!*[^], Ty Bathurst (prelim, Big Tens)
100 FREE — 44.03*[^], John Cahoy (2nd, Big Tens)
200 FREE — 1:38.88[^], Jeremy Rients (9th, Big Tens)
500 FREE — 4:24.72[^], Bill Bishop (5th, Big Tens)
1000 FREE — 9:21.53, Bill Bishop (1st, vs. UNC)
1650 FREE — 15:18.50[^], Bill Bishop (4th, Big Tens)
100 BACK — 47.42!*^{#+}, Alex Massura (2nd, Big Tens)
200 BACK — 1:43.57*!#^{#+}, Alex Massura (2nd, Big Tens)
100 BREAST — 55.03*[^], Ty Bathurst (prelim, Big Tens)
200 BREAST — 2:02.55*, Oscar Godoi (prelim, Big Tens)
100 FLY — 46.74!*⁺, Martin Zielinski (6th, NCAAs)
200 FLY — 1:46.60*, Yoav Meiri (NCAAs)
200 IM — 1:48.55*[^], Alex Massura (prelim, Big Tens)
400 IM — 3:50.99*[^], Bill Bishop (2nd, Big Tens)

* personal best
^ NCAA consideration
! NCAA automatic
+ Minnesota Varsity Record
Minnesota Freshman Record

GOPHER FLASHES

TWO NAMED TO ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM: Juniors **MARTIN ZIELINSKI** and **JOHN CAHOY** were named to the GTE Academic All-District team for excellence in both academics and athletics. Zielinski, the Minnesota school record holder in the 100-yard butterfly and three-time All-American, was the U of M's highest finisher at this year's NCAA Championships. He carries a 3.63 grade-point average (GPA) in biology/pre-medicine. Cahoy has been a critical member of Minnesota's Big Ten champion and record-setting freestyle relay teams. He holds a 4.0 GPA while majoring in chemistry.

TENNIS

THIS WEEK: Minnesota travels to the Great Lakes State to face Michigan State in East Lansing, Saturday, April 4, and Michigan in Ann Arbor, Sunday, April 5.

SCOUTING THE MICHIGANDERS: Minnesota holds a 27-13 series advantage over the Spartans of Michigan State, winning every match since 1973. In the last meeting between the two, the Golden Gophers came away with a 5-2 win at home last year. The U of M built a 1-0 lead, sweeping the doubles competition, and went on to take singles play 4-2.

Michigan leads Minnesota 41-15-2 all-time. However, the Golden Gophers stomped the Wolverines 6-1 last season. The Golden Gophers swept doubles and only lost a three-set match at No. 5 singles in the home match April 6. That win secured a 3-3 Big Ten record for the Maroon and Gold who finished with a 4-6 conference record.

The back-to-back wins over MSU and Michigan broke a three-match losing streak last season.

LAST ACTION: The Golden Gophers are coming off a pair of 7-0 home wins over Penn State (3/27) and Indiana State (3/28). Minnesota had lost five straight before turning around and winning back-to-back matches. The U of M had lost earlier to South Alabama (5-2, 3/23) and Tulane (4-3, 3/25).

SCRAMBLED: Holding a 6-7 overall record and 2-1 conference record Minnesota has been scrambling its lineup. One thing however has remained constant. Freshman **JON SVENSSON** (Kristianstad, Sweden) has won. Since beginning the dual match season, Svensson has posted an 11-0 record, stringing together a current nine-match winning streak. After starting at the No. 6 singles position, he has played anywhere from No. 2 to No. 6 singles. Most recently he has moved up to occupy the No. 4 singles position.

The six-man lineup is never a constant, but the traveling bunch remains: **TOM CHICOINE** (Neenah, Wis.), **ADAM SELKIRK** (St. Joseph, Mo.), **MARTIN MICHALOWSKI** (Ottawa, Ont.), **JORGE DUENAS** (Santo Domingo, Dominican Rep.), **TYSON PARRY** (Chatham, Ont.), **JON SVENSSON** (Kristianstad, Sweden) and **MARTIN KRISTOFFERSEN** (Portsgrunn, Norway).



SHOOTING BLANKS: In addition to **JON SVENSSON**'s undefeated dual match slate, **MARTIN KRISTOFFERSEN** has kept his loss column clean, going 7-0 in dual matches. Recently Kristoffersen has put out a six-match win streak playing at No. 5 and No. 6 singles.

SCOREBOARD

SOUTH ALABAMA 5, MINNESOTA 2

Mobile, Alabama

March 23, 1998

Singles

- No. 1 Nic Chisholm (USA) def. Tom Chicoine (UM), 6-3, 6-1
- No. 2 John James (USA) def. Adam Selkirk (UM), 6-1, 6-0
- No. 3 Claes Westlin (USA) def. Martin Michalowski (UM), 6-3, 7-6, 6-4
- No. 4 Johan Westberg (USA) def. Jorge Duenas (UM), 7-6, 4-6, 7-5
- No. 5 Jon Svensson (UM) def. Paul McInerney (USA), 6-3, 3-6, 6-3
- No. 6 Martin Kristoffersen (UM) def. Laszlo Rethelyi (USA), 7-5, 4-6, 6-4

Doubles

- No. 1 James/Westlin (USA) def. Michalowski/Parry (UM), 8-3
- No. 2 Chisholm/Rethelyi (USA) def. Chicoine/Kristoffersen, 8-2
- No. 3 McInerney/Homedes (USA) def. Selkirk/Svensson, 8-4

TULANE 4, MINNESOTA 3

New Orleans, La.

March 25, 1998

Singles

- No. 1 Robert Samuelsson (TU) def. Tom Chicoine (UM) 7-5, 7-6
- No. 2 Mikko Viljamen (TU) def. Adam Selkirk (UM) 6-2, 6-2
- No. 3 Ronald Kloppert (TU) def. Martin Michalowski (UM) 6-4, 6-4
- No. 4 Jon Svensson (UM) def. Pekka Rinne (TU) 6-3, 6-2
- No. 5 Jorge Duenas (UM) def. Chip Kelly (TU) 6-2, 6-2
- No. 6 Martin Kristoffersen (UM) def. James Moeckel (TU) 6-3, 6-3

Doubles

- No. 1 Kloppert/Samuelsson (TU) def. Michalowski/Tyson Parry (UM) 8-5
- No. 2 Derya Rosse/Kelly (TU) def. Duenas/Chicoine (UM) 8-6
- No. 3 Viljamen/Rinne (TU) def. Svensson/Selkirk (UM) 8-5

MINNESOTA 7, Penn State 0

Bloomington, Minn.

March 27, 1998

Singles

- No. 1 Tom Chicoine (MN) def. Mike Griesser (PSU), 6-1, 6-3
- No. 2 Martin Michalowski (MN) def. Colin Smeeton (PSU), 6-2, 6-4
- No. 3 Jon Svensson (MN) def. Marc Dorfman (PSU), 3-6, 6-3, 6-3
- No. 4 Jorge Duenas (MN) def. Eric Meditz (PSU), 5-7, 6-4, 7-5
- No. 5 Martin Kristoffersen (MN) def. Matthew Nielsen (PSU), 6-2, 6-4
- No. 6 Tyson Parry (MN) def. Marc MaCallister (PSU), 6-4, 6-2

Doubles

- No. 1 Chicoine/Michalowski (MN) def. Griesser/Smeeton, 8-5
- No. 2 Dorfman/Meditz (PSU) def. Selkirk/Parry (MN), 8-2
- No. 3 Duenas/Svensson (MN) def. Accardi/MaCallister (PSU), 8-5

MINNESOTA 7, Indiana State 0

Bloomington, Minn.

March 28, 1998

Singles

- No. 1 Adam Selkirk (UM) def. Peter Magnusson (ISU) 4-6, 6-4, 7-6
- No. 2 Martin Michalowski (UM) def. Kyle Richards (ISU) 6-2, 6-1
- No. 3 Jorge Duenas (UM) def. Gavin Foulston (ISU) 6-4, 4-6, 6-4
- No. 4 Jon Svensson (UM) def. Nathan Crick (ISU) 6-2, 7-6
- No. 5 Martin Kristoffersen (UM) def. Richard Mayers (ISU) 6-4, 6-2
- No. 6 Tyson Parry (UM) def. Marco Mendes (ISU) 6-3, 6-2

Doubles

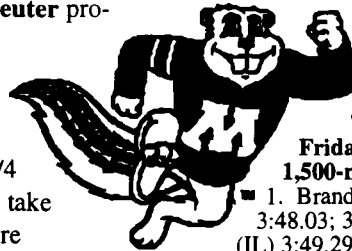
- No. 1 Michalowski/Parry (UM) def. Fernando Forte/Magnusson (ISU) 8-6
- No. 2 Foulston/Crick (ISU) def. Duenas/Kristoffersen (UM) 8-6
- No. 3 Selkirk/Svensson (UM) def. Mayers/Richards (ISU) 8-5

TRACK & FIELD

THIS WEEK: Minnesota once again splits its group and heads to Ames, Iowa, for the Cyclone Open, Saturday, April 4, while other competitors will be at the Texas Relays, April 3-4.

LAST SEASON: Minnesota did not send any competitors to the Cyclone Open last season. However, the Golden Gophers had provisional performances and records broken at the Texas Relays last year.

Former Maroon and Gold thrower **Jason Schleuter** provisionally qualified for the NCAAs when he placed fourth in the discus with a sail of 191-0 (58.22m). Junior **VESA RANTANEN** (Virrat, Finland) broke a Minnesota school outdoor record which still stands when he vaulted 18-5 1/4 (5.62m) to automatically qualify for NCAAs and take home the Texas Relays pole vault title. Sophomore **STAFFAN STRAND** (Uppsland-Vasby, Sweden) automatically qualified for the NCAA Championships when he finished second in the high jump with a Minnesota freshman outdoor record 7-4 1/2 (2.25m). Seniors **CHAD YENCHESKY** (DePere, Wis.) and **TYE HARVEY** (Jamestown, Calif.) also provisionally qualified for the NCAA Championships in the shot put and pole vault, respectively.



**Baldy Castillo Invitational • Arizona State University
Tucson, Ariz**

Friday's Results: March 27, 1998

1,500-meter run

1. Brandon Strong (Unattached) 3:47.95; 2. Ari Rodriguez (ASU) 3:48.03; 3. Bernd Schroeder (Idaho) 3:48.51; 4. Cortney Lamb (IL) 3:49.29; 5. John Mortimer (MI) 3: 50.02. Other Minnesota Finishers: 18. Ron Hoffner 3:58.28.

3,000-meter

1. Adam Batliner (CO) 8:45.6; 2. Jay Brock (Northern Iowa) 8:51.4; 3. Tom Chorny (IN) 8:53.7; 4. Billy Herman (Northern Arizona) 8:55.4; 5. Sean Lynch (Manhattan) 8:55.6. Other Minnesota Finishers: 8. Matt Carter 9:17.9

500-meter

1. Matt Repak (ASU) 14:14.99; 2. Jama Bile (Unattached) 14:16.85; 3. Clint Wells (CO) 14:18.25; 4. Todd Snyder (MI) 14:21.40; 5. Tim Martin (Northern Arizona) 14:21.98. Other Minnesota Finishers: 6. Sami Valtonen 14:23.26; 17. Charles McClure 14:49.11; 18. Jeremy Polson 14:50.25; 20. Eric Hartmark 14:56.64; 26. Todd Landgraaf 15:11.04; 29. Nate Clay 15:25.60.

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10,000-meter

1. Tony Riter (MN) 31:29.01; 2. Mike Cohen (Darmouth) 31:36.15; 3. Jacob Brundage (Central Michigan) 31:51.29; 4. Steve Beguin (IN) 32:17.05.

Triple Jump

1. Samuel Okantey (Central Michigan) 16.21 (53-02.25); 2. Chris Kwaramba (Idaho) 16.05 (52-08.0); 3. Levar Anderson (Louisiana State) 15.96 (52-04.5); 4. Marcus Thomas (LSU) 15.31 (50-02.75); 5. Christian Haar (Manhattan) 15.10 (49-06.5).

Javelin

1. Oscar Duncan (Idaho) 66.04 (216-08.0); 2. Jared Schrieber (ASU) 64.14 (210-05.0); 3. Justin Hamill (Dartmouth) 58.54 (192-01.0); 4. Andy Derr (MI) 56.14 (184-02.0); 5. John Wallin (S Conn. St.) 53.10 (174.02.0).

Shot Put

1. Kevin Mannon (Wyoming) 18.32 (60-01.25); 2. Ralf Kahles (LSU) 18.09 (59-04.25); 3. Christian Nehme (LSU) 17.35 (56-11.25); 4. Kurt Krick (IN) 17.23 (56-06.5); 5. Alex Forst (LSU) 16.92 (55-06.25). <p>

Saturday Results-March 28, 1998

Hammer

1. Mike Laiho (Arizona State) 69.24 (227-02.0); 2. Kevin Mannon (Wyoming) 63.04 (206-10.0); 3. John Woosley (LSU) 58.14 (190-09.0); 4. Jeff Singleton (Colorado) 56.64 (185-10.0); 5. Fred Myall (C. Michigan) 54.42 (178-06.0).

Long Jump

1. Mike Aldridge (LSU) 7.60 (24-11.25); 2. Marcus Thomas (LSU) 7.47 (24-06.25); 2. Joe Knuffman (Illinois) 7.47 (24-06.25); 4. Tyler McCormick (Minnesota) 7.32 (24-00.25); 5. Christian Haar (Manhattan) 7.25 (23-09.50)

Pole Vault

1. Russ Buller (LSU) 5.07 (16-07.5); 2. Yuri Rovani (Northern Iowa) 5.07 (16-07.50); 3. Charles DeWilot (Michigan) 5.07 (16-07.5); 4. Ben Mischke (Northern Iowa) 4.77 (15-07.75); 5. Justin Norberg (Illinois) 4.62 (15-01.75); 5. Jon Anderson

(Minnesota) 4.62 (15-01.75).

High Jump

1. Rugo Munoz (Idaho) 2.16 (7-01.0); 2. J.J. Barton (LSU) 2.11 (6-11.0); 3. Tim Suchan (Unattached) 2.11 (6-11.0); 4. Wil Kurth (Minnesota) 2.06 (6-09.0); 5. Jay Schleicher (Dartmouth) 2.06 (6-09.0). Other Minnesota Finishers: 6. Tyler McCormick 2.01 (6-07.0); 8. Marc Johansson 2.01 (6-07.0). <p>

Discus

1. Alex Forst (LSU) 54.48 (178-09.0); 2. Kurt Krick (Indiana) 53.36 (175-01.0); 3. Christian Nehme (LSU) 52.20 (171-03.0); 4. Christer Hagberg (Manhattan) 51.26 (168-02.0); 5. Gunnar Pflingsten (LSU) 50.54 (165-10.0)

4x100 Relay

1. LSU 39.35; 2. Northern Iowa 41.04; 3. Idaho 41.06; 4. Michigan 41.17; 5. Arizona State 41.29; 9. Minnesota 42.01.

110-meter Hurdles

1. Ty Yeager (Indiana) 13.91; 2. Sherman Armstrong (Illinois) 14.02; 3. Lex Butler (Colorado) 14.14; 4. Niles Deneen (Minnesota) 14.15; 5. Jason Madearis (Wyoming) 14.17.

400-meter

1. Felix Kamangiria (Idaho) 46.46; 2. James Davis (Colorado) 46.47; 3. Andrew Pierce (Ohio State) 47.15; 4. Chris Jones (Illinois) 47.22; 5. Tyrone Jones (Illinois) 47.44.

100-meter

1. Chris Cummings (LSU) 10.04; 2. Byron Logan (LSU) 10.20; 3. Jermaine Grant (LSU) 10.21; 4. Jonathan Prather (Unattached) 10.41; 5. Russell Brooks (Indiana) 10.50. Other Minnesota Finishers: 20. Niles Deneen 10.85; 25. Tim Van Voorhis 11.17.

400-meter Hurdles

1. Sekou Smith (Ohio State) 52.77; 2. Sherman Armstrong (Illinois) 52.96; 3. Ty Yeager (Indiana) 53.33; 4. Brian Theisen (Michigan) 53.51; 5. Brent Maciagen (Northern Iowa) 54.22.

800-meter

1. Kevin Sullivan (Michigan) 1:52.05; 2. Eric Potter (Northern Iowa) 1:52.54; 3. Bobby True (Illinois) 1:52.55; 4. Brandon Strong (Unattached) 1:52.64; 5. Jay Cantin (Michigan) 1:53.95. Other Minnesota Finishers: 9. Jason Owen 1:54.64.



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THIS WEEK IN GOPHER SPORTS

Tues, April 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Baseball vs. Saint John's University Siebert Field 3 p.m.
Wed, April 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Baseball vs. Concordia-St. Paul Siebert Field 3 p.m.
Fri., April 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Baseball at Michigan Ann Arbor, Mich. KKMS-AM (980) (TD 7 p.m.) 3 p.m. ☐ Golf at Marshall Invitational Huntington, W.Va. All Day ☐ Track & Field at Sea Ray Relays Knoxville, Tenn. All Day
Sat., April 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Baseball at Michigan (2) Ann Arbor, Mich. KKMS-AM (980) (Live) 1 p.m. ☐ Golf at Marshall Invitational Huntington, W.Va. All Day

Sat., April 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Tennis at Northwestern Evanston, Ill. Noon ☐ Track & Field at Sea Ray Relays Knoxville, Tenn. All Day
Sun., April 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☐ Baseball at Michigan Ann Arbor, Mich. KKMS-AM (980) (Live) 1 p.m. ☐ Tennis at Wisconsin Madison, Wis. Noon

ACADEMIC ALL-BIG TEN

Wrestling	Brandon Eggum	Undecided	3.06
	Tim Hartung	Kinesiology	3.16
	Brett Lawrence	Undecided	3.06
	Brandon Paulson	Business Admin.	3.24
Gymnastics	Chad Conner	Mgmt/Pre-Med	3.94
	Matt Kieffer	Pre-Business	3.68
	John Cahoy	Chemistry	4.00
Swimming	Cubby Campbell	Pre-Med/French	3.49
	Oscar Godoi	Business	3.18
	Brian Howard	Undecided	3.16
	Luis Lopez	Mech. Eng.	3.49
	Jono McLeod	Phys. Therapy	3.45
	Yoav Meiri	Design Comm.	3.52
	Jeff Miller	Mech. Eng.	3.76
Martin Zielinski	Bio/Pre-Med	3.63	

GOPHER HOTLINE

The Golden Gopher Hotline features daily interviews with players and coaches. It is available to the media 24 hours a day by calling (612) 625-7887. The hotline is broadcast quality and is changed by noon each day. This service is for media use only. The schedule for this week is as follows:

Tuesday, March 31:
 Head Baseball Coach **JOHN ANDERSON** previews the upcoming games against St. John's, Concordia-St. Paul and Michigan.

Wednesday, April 1:
 Junior outfielder **CRAIG SELANDER** on the upcoming Michigan series.

Thursday, April 2:
 Head Golf Coach **JOHN MEANS** previews the Marshall Invitational and talks about the recent team championship at the Dr. Pepper Intercollegiate.

Friday, April 3:
 Sophomore safety **TYRONE CARTER** talks about the spring football season.

WEEKLY RELEASES

The University of Minnesota Men's Media Relations Office will be producing five separate releases during the 1997-98 academic year. Football, basketball, hockey and baseball information will be covered in sport-specific weekly releases, while information on "Olympic Sports" will appear each Monday in this release. Please refer any questions to the Men's Media Relations office at (612) 625-4090.

GOLF

THIS WEEK: The Golden Gopher men's golf team is back in action this weekend as they travel to the Marshall Invitational in Huntington, W.Va. The first 36 holes of the tournament will be played Friday, April 10, with the final 18 holes of action slated for Saturday, April 11.

TEAM STATS

DATE	TOURNAMENT	SCORES	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15	ReliaStar Collegiate Invite	287/286/282	855/1st out of 12
Sept. 27-28	Northern Collegiate Invite	296/288/294	878/T-2nd out of 17
Oct. 6-7	Nike Northwest Classic	301/299/295	895/T-13th out of 22
Oct. 10-11	Coca-Cola Classic	289/300/291	880/2nd out of 21
Feb. 16-17	Bridges All-American	286/301	587/3rd out of 18
Feb. 23-24	Puerto Rico Classic	297/298/290	885/T-4th out of 15
Mar. 23-24	Cuscowilla Intercolleg.	301/289/284	874/9th out of 12
Mar. 28-29	Dr. Pepper Intercolleg.	291/284/294	869/1st out of 18

INDIVIDUAL STATS

James McLean

TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Feb. 16-17 Bridges All-American	71/83	142	154/T-50th out of 90
Feb. 23-24 Puerto Rico Classic	73/73/68	216	214/5th out of 75
Mar. 23-24 Cuscowilla Intercollegiate	74/67/72	210	213/11th out of 60
Mar. 28-29 Dr. Pepper Intercollegiate	70/69/73	216	212/1st out of 90
Rounds: 11 Strokes: 793 Average: 72.1			

Mar. 28-29 Dr. Pepper Intercollegiate	75/75/74	216	224/T-17th out of 90
Rounds: 20 Strokes: 1474 Average: 73.7			

Adam Dooley

TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15 ReliaStar Collegiate Invite	74/77/70	216	221/T-28th out of 65
Oct. 10-11 Coca-Cola Classic	77/74/73	216	224/T-35th out of 111
Feb. 16-17 Bridges All-American	72/79	142	151/T-35th out of 90
Feb. 23-24 Puerto Rico Classic	80/80/76	216	236/T-62nd out of 75
Mar. 28-29 Dr. Pepper Intercollegiate	77/71/76	216	224/T-17th out of 90
Rounds: 14 Strokes: 1056 Average: 75.4			

Jeff Barney

TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15 ReliaStar Coll. Invite*	71/73/70	216	214/T-4th out of 65
Sept. 27-28 Northern Collegiate Invite	79/78/75	216	232/T-53rd out of 90
Oct. 6-7 Nike Northwest Classic	78/76/74	216	228/T-70th out of 110
March 8-9 Alabama-Birm. Invite	81/77	144	n/a
Rounds: 11 Strokes: 832 Average: 75.6			

Andy Komor

TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15 ReliaStar Collegiate Invite	72/71/72	216	215/T-6th out of 65
Sept. 27-28 Northern Collegiate Invite	74/73/76	216	223/T-18th out of 90
Oct. 6-7 Nike Northwest Classic	76/79/82	216	237/T-99th out of 110
Feb. 16-17 Bridges All-American	74/74	142	148/T-18th out of 90
Feb. 23-24 Puerto Rico Classic	76/83/75	216	234/T-57th out of 75
Mar. 23-24 Cuscowilla Intercollegiate	78/78/74	210	230/T-52nd out of 60
Rounds: 17 Strokes: 1287 Average: 75.7			

Matt Burgess

TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15 ReliaStar Coll. Invite*	76/76/71	216	223/T-37th out of 65
Oct. 10-11 Coca-Cola Classic	73/83/75	216	231/T-76th out of 111
March 8-9 Alabama-Birm. Invite	79/79	144	n/a
Rounds: 8 Strokes: 612 Average: 76.5			

Rob Kerr

TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15 ReliaStar Collegiate Invite	70/68/71	216	209/1st out of 65
Sept. 27-28 Northern Collegiate Invite	74/65/71	216	210/1st out of 90
Oct. 6-7 Nike Northwest Classic	75/76/75	216	226/T-56th out of 110
Oct. 10-11 Coca-Cola Classic	73/79/70	216	222/T-19th out of 111
Feb. 16-17 Bridges All-American	69/72	142	141/1st out of 90
Feb. 23-24 Puerto Rico Classic	76/73/72	216	221/T-17th out of 75
Mar. 23-24 Cuscowilla Intercollegiate	78/75/71	210	224/T-41st out of 60
Mar. 28-29 Dr. Pepper Intercollegiate	74/71/74	216	219/T-8th out of 90
Rounds: 23 Strokes: 1672 Average: 72.7			

Justin Royer

TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15 ReliaStar Coll. Invite*	72/77/69	216	218/T-15th out of 65
Rounds: 3 Strokes: 218 Average: 72.7			

Martin Le Mesurier

TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15 ReliaStar Collegiate Invite	78/74/70	216	222/T-32nd out of 65
Sept. 27-28 Northern Collegiate Invite	72/78/73	216	223/T-18th out of 90
Oct. 6-7 Nike Northwest Classic	79/73/75	216	227/T-59th out of 110
Oct. 10-11 Coca-Cola Classic	72/74/73	216	219/12th out of 111
Feb. 23-24 Puerto Rico Classic	72/72/75	216	219/T-11th out of 75
Mar. 23-24 Cuscowilla Intercollegiate	71/75/68	210	214/T-12th out of 60
Mar. 28-29 Dr. Pepper Intercollegiate	72/73/73	216	218/T-6th out of 90
Rounds: 21 Strokes: 1542 Average: 73.4			

Bill Thompson

TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15 ReliaStar Collegiate Invite	71/73/71	216	215/T-6th out of 65
Sept. 27-28 Northern Collegiate Invite	76/72/75	216	223/T-18th out of 90
Oct. 6-7 Nike Northwest Classic	72/74/71	216	217/T-10th out of 110
Oct. 10-11 Coca-Cola Classic	71/73/76	216	220/T-13th out of 111
Feb. 16-17 Bridges All-American	76/76	142	152/T-38th out of 90
Mar. 23-24 Cuscowilla Intercollegiate	78/72/73	210	223/T-38th out of 60

Bob Brink

TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15 ReliaStar Coll. Invite*	75/72/72	216	219/T-20th out of 65
March 8-9 Alabama-Birm. Invite	87/79	144	n/a
Rounds: 5 Strokes: 385 Average: 77.0			

Santiago Fernandez

TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15 ReliaStar Coll. Invite*	83/83/78	216	244/64th out of 65
March 8-9 Alabama-Birm. Invite	78/82	144	n/a
Rounds: 5 Strokes: 404 Average: 80.8			

Dave Gunderson

TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
March 8-9 Alabama-Birm. Invite	84/77	144	n/a
Rounds: 2 Strokes: 161 Average: 80.5			

Brian Santee

TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
March 8-9 Alabama-Birm. Invite	86/79	144	n/a
Rounds: 2 Strokes: 165 Average: 82.5			

Note: * indicates that the golfer competed as an individual and the scores did not count towards the team score

GYMNASTICS

THIS WEEK: Senior **GEORGE BEATTY** (Aberdeen, N.J.) is the lone Golden Gopher who qualified at the NCAA East Regional to compete at the NCAA Championships April 16-18, in University Park, Pa. Beatty will compete on the parallel bars.

LAST ACTION: Four individual competitors qualified for the NCAA East Regional Championships last weekend in Amherst, Mass. Senior **GEORGE BEATTY** finished in a tie for 12th place with a 9.550 on the parallel bars to qualify for the NCAA Championships on that event. Beatty also finished in a tie for third on the pommel horse with a score of 9.650 and placed 38th on the high bar with a 8.700. Sophomore **LINDSEY FANG** (Allentown, Pa.) finished 11th in the all-around competition with a 55.150. Fang took a share of 15th place on the floor exercise (9.500), 13th on the pommel horse (9.450), 15th on the vault (9.600), 27th on the parallel bars (9.300), 34th on the high bar (8.850) and 47th on the still rings (8.450). Junior **JASON KROB** (St. Charles, Mo.) finished in a tie for 19th place on the pommel horse with a 9.300 and sophomore **CHAD CONNER** (Dallas, Texas) competed on the high bar, but did not post a score.



event. He also tied for third place on the pommel horse scoring a 9.65, but did not qualify due to tie-breaking criteria. The top three individuals in each event who have not qualified in the all-around competition or are not members of teams that qualified advance to the championships. Ties are broken by the gymnasts' regional qualifying average.

LINDSEY LIGHTS IT UP: Sophomore Lindsey Fang entered the Golden Gopher gymnastics program with very high expectations after an excellent amateur career. Fang finished 11th in the all-around competition at the NCAA East Regionals with a score of 55.150. Fang came on late in the season posting several career-high performances at the Big Ten Championships. He finished in seventh place with a career-high score of 56.475 in the all-around. Fang set a personal-best 9.575 on the horizontal bar and a career-high tying 9.650 on the vault.

COACH ROETHLISBERGER: Head Coach Fred Roethlisberger is in his 27th year at the helm of the University of Minnesota Gymnastics program. Roethlisberger has led his team to 11 Big Ten Championships during his tenure and has a 170-73-1 (.710) career record.

BEATTY IS LONE QUALIFIER: Senior co-captain **GEORGE BEATTY** has had an outstanding final season. Beatty most recently scored a 9.550 on the parallel bars at the East Regional to qualify for the NCAA Championships on that

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1998 MEN'S GYMNASTICS SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Site/Result
Jan. 10	Alumni Meet	* L 213.90-221.85
Jan. 17	Windy City Invitational	7th/213.85
Jan. 31	Ohio State	L 217.95-226.35
Feb. 7	Illinois	L 221.070-216.550
Feb. 13	Michigan State	L 221.75-228.425
Feb. 14	Michigan	L 222.575-226.85
Feb. 27	Nebraska	L 221.275-229.575
Mar. 1	Iowa	L 222-90-226.40
Mar. 7	Illinois-Chicago	W 224.100-220.800
Mar. 20-21	Big Ten Championships	7th/222.225
April 4	NCAA East Regionals	No team scores
April 16-18	NCAA Championships	University Park, Pa.

*Exhibition

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NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS: The NCAA Championships are set for April 16-18 in University Park, Pa. The top three teams in each region qualify for the competition. Here are the results of the East Regional held in Amherst, Mass., last weekend.

Team Scores:

1. Ohio State	228.725
2. Illinois	227.925
3. Iowa	226.975
4. Penn State	226.925
5. Michigan	225.100
6. Michigan State	223.425

Individual Results

All-Around: Travis Romagnoli (IL) 58.100
Floor Exercise: D. Gerlach (Temple) 9.800
Pommel Horse: Mike Dutka (PSU) 9.825
Still Rings: Ron Roeder (PSU) 9.800
Vault: Travis Romagnoli (IL) 9.850
Parallel Bars: Jason Krane (una.) 9.825
High Bar: Travis Romagnoli (IL) 9.900

SWIMMING & DIVING

WRAP UP!: With the conclusion of the Phillips 66 National Championships Sunday, April 6, the Golden Gophers' season comes to a close. The 1998 season featured a 7-1 record, a Big Ten Championship, a 14th-place finish at the NCAA Championships and men's title at the Phillips 66 National Championships held at the U of Aquatic Center.

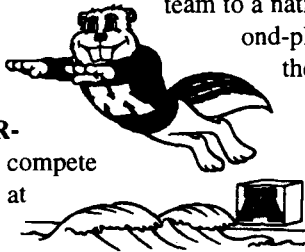
SEE YOU AGAIN?: Most notable among the summer competition is the 1998 Goodwill Games in New York City July 19-August 2. Juniors **JOHN CAHOY** (Hudson, Wis.) and **MARTIN ZIELINKSI** (Bloomington, Minn.) qualified to compete at the Goodwill Games following their performances at the Phillips 66 National Championships.

Other championships that may include Golden Gopher swimmers is the U.S. Swimming National Championships, or Summer Nationals, in Clovis, Calif., August 11-15th. The Summer Nationals will be televised by NBC Sports and serve as the selection meet for the 1999 Pan Pacific Championships, 1999 Pan American Games and 1999 World University Games.

For USA Swimming meet information check the USS website at www.usa-swimming.org.

ANOTHER KIND OF NATIONAL CHAMPION:

The Golden Gophers roared to redemption, claiming the men's title at the Phillips 66 National Championships Sunday.



Minnesota finished third in the combined men's and women's competition.

The U of M was boosted by an individual and relay national title. **MARTIN ZIELINSKI** won the 100-meter butterfly Saturday in the race's last 50 meters to claim his first ever national championship and qualify for the Goodwill Games. Later in the evening, Minnesota secured its second title, as anchor sophomore **BILL BISHOP** (Barrington, Ill.) led the 800-meter freestyle relay team to a national championship, touching .09 ahead of the second-place Terrapins of Concord, Calif. Also swimming the relay were **JOHN CAHOY**, sophomore **BRYAN CARLSON** (Rosemount, Minn.) and senior **JEREMY RIENTS** (Apple Valley, Minn.).

PUSHING EACH OTHER: After qualifying for the Goodwill Games Thursday, **JOHN CAHOY** realized he needed a roommate for New York. His roomie on the road all season long, **MARTIN ZIELINSKI**, was swimming to qualify in the 100-meter butterfly Saturday.

Cahoy called Zielinski Friday night and told him he hoped Zielinski was rested and ready to go.

"That got me motivated," Zielinski explained following his win.

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1998 Big Ten Champions

1998 Phillips 66 Men's National Champions
14th at NCAA Championships

OVERALL RECORD: 7-1; BIG TEN RECORD: 3-1

TOP INDIVIDUAL EVENT TIMES
(1997-98)

50 FREE — 19.80!*, Ty Bathurst (prelim, Big Tens)
100 FREE — 44.03^*, John Cahoy (2nd, Big Tens)
200 FREE — 1:38.88^, Jeremy Rients (9th, Big Tens)
500 FREE — 4:24.72^, Bill Bishop (5th, Big Tens)
1000 FREE — 9:21.53, Bill Bishop (1st, vs. UNC)
1650 FREE — 15:18.50^, Bill Bishop (4th, Big Tens)
100 BACK — 47.42!*##, Alex Massura (2nd, Big Tens)
200 BACK — 1:43.57!*##, Alex Massura (2nd, Big Tens)
100 BREAST — 55.03*^, Ty Bathurst (prelim, Big Tens)
200 BREAST — 2:02.55*, Oscar Godoi (prelim, Big Tens)
100 FLY — 46.74!*+, Martin Zielinski (6th, NCAAs)
200 FLY — 1:46.60*, Yoav Meiri (NCAAs)
200 IM — 1:48.55^*, Alex Massura (prelim, Big Tens)
400 IM — 3:50.99^*, Bill Bishop (2nd, Big Tens)

* personal best

^ NCAA consideration

! NCAA automatic

+ Minnesota Varsity Record

Minnesota Freshman Record

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OTHER TOP FINISHERS: Finishing well in addition to **MARTIN ZIELINSKI** and **JOHN CAHOY**, were junior **BRANDON SCHINDLER** (Saratoga, Calif.), who took sixth in the 50-meter freestyle in his first national championship final, and sophomore **YOAV MEIRI** (Jerusalem, Israel), who finished ninth in the 200-meter individual medley.

JACK OF ALL TRADES: Sophomore **BILL BISHOP**, the U of M's top distance freestyler certainly went the distance at the national meet. Bishop competed in five events, the most of any Golden Gopher. Bishop took 19th in the 200-meter butterfly, 10th in the 400-meter individual medley, 12th in the 1,500-meter freestyle, 18th in the 400-meter freestyle and swam the anchor leg of the 800-meter freestyle relay.

TWO NAMED TO ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM:

Juniors **MARTIN ZIELINSKI** and **JOHN CAHOY** were named to the GTE Academic All-District team for excellence in both academics and athletics. Zielinski carries a 3.63 grade-point average (GPA) in biology/pre-medicine. Cahoy holds a 4.0 GPA while majoring in chemistry.

TENNIS

THIS WEEK: Minnesota goes on the road to face 14th-ranked Northwestern Saturday, April 11, at noon and Wisconsin Sunday at noon. It is the second straight weekend away from Minnesota for the Golden Gophers.

GOPHERS, WILDCATS, BADGERS, OH MY!:

Northwestern holds the 42-33-1 margin all-time versus the Golden Gophers. The Maroon and Gold lost twice to the Wildcats last season, 5-2 at home (4/11), and 4-2 in the NCAA Region IV finals (5/11).

Against the Badgers, Minnesota has had more luck. The U of M has a 46-39 all-time record against its neighbors to the east. Last year Minnesota picked up the 7-0 win at home (4/12).

LAST ACTION: Minnesota is looking to end its two-match road losing streak. The Golden Gophers dropped 4-3 matches to Michigan State and Michigan Saturday and Sunday of last week. Minnesota lost the doubles point in both and had the match against MSU come down to No. 1 singles and the match versus Michigan come down to No. 3 singles.

Minnesota's record in 4-3 matches is 1-5 this season.

SCRAMBLED: With a 6-9 overall record and 2-3 conference record, Minnesota has been scrambling its lineup. The six-man lineup is never a constant, but the traveling bunch remains: **TOM CHICOINE** (Neenah, Wis.), **ADAM SELKIRK**

(St. Joseph, Mo.), **MARTIN MICHALOWSKI** (Ottawa, Ont.), **JORGE DUENAS** (Santo Domingo, Dominican Rep.), **TYSON PARRY** (Chatham, Ont.), **JON SVENSSON** (Kristianstad, Sweden) and **MARTIN KRISTOFFERSEN** (Portsgrunn, Norway).

ON A ROLL: With two more wins this past weekend, freshman **JON SVENSSON** (Kristianstad, Sweden) has won 11 straight matches and 14 consecutive dual matches. After starting at the No. 6 singles position, he has played anywhere from No. 2 to No. 6 singles. In Michigan, Svensson played No. 4 and 5 singles.



SHOOTING BLANKS: In addition to **JON SVENSSON**'s undefeated dual match slate, **MARTIN KRISTOFFERSEN** has kept his loss column clean, going 7-0 in dual matches. Recently Kristoffersen has put out a six-match win streak playing at No. 5 and No. 6 singles.

MILESTONES: Junior **TOM CHICOINE** (Neenah, Wis.) has 72 career singles wins, leading all active Golden Gophers.

Selkirk is fast approaching 50 career singles wins, as he is just a victory of the mark (49). Only a sophomore, **MARTIN MICHALOWSKI** (Ottawa, Canada) already has 37 singles wins for his career.

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Michigan State 4, Minnesota 3
East Lansing, Mich.
April 4, 1998

Singles

- No. 1 - Trey Eubanks (MSU) def. Tom Chicoine (MN) 7-5, 1-6, 7-6 (2)
- No. 2 - Ivica Primorac (MSU) def. Martin Michalowski (MN) 6-4, 6-4
- No. 3 - Adam Selkirk (MN) def. Chris Struck (MSU) 6-3, 7-6 (4)
- No. 4 - Jon Svensson (MN) def. Benjamin Hetzler (MSU) 2-6, 6-1, 6-2
- No. 5 - Ken Kigongo (MSU) def. Jorge Duenas (MN) 6-4, 3-6, 6-3
- No. 6 - Martin Kristoffersen (MN) def. Francisco Trinidad (MSU) 6-2, 6-1

Doubles

- No. 1 - Chicoine/Michalowski (MN) def. Kigongo/Struck (MSU) 9-8 (5)
- No. 2 - Eubanks/Hetzler (MSU) def. Kristoffersen/Tyson Parry (MN) 8-3
- No. 3 - Primorac/Trinidad (MSU) def. Svensson/Selkirk (MN) 8-5

Michigan 4, Minnesota 3
Ann Arbor, Mich.
April 5, 1998

Singles

- No. 1 - Tom Chicoine (MN) def. David Paradzik (UM) 6-1, 6-2
- No. 2 - Adam Selkirk (MN) def. Matt Wright (UM) 1-6, 6-1, 7-5
- No. 3 - Arvid Swan (UM) def. Martin Michalowski (MN) 6-3, 7-6 (10)
- No. 4 - Will Farah (UM) def. Jorge Duenas (MN) 6-4, 2-6, 6-2
- No. 5 - Jon Svensson (MN) def. Brook Blain (UM) 6-3, 7-5
- No. 6 - John Long (UM) def. Tyson Parry (MN) 7-5, 6-3

Doubles

- No. 1 - Swan/Blain (UM) def. Michalowski/Parry (MN) 8-5
- No. 2 - Wright/Jake Raiton (UM) def. Chicoine/Duenas (MN) 8-3
- No. 3 - Selkirk/Martin Kristofferson (MN) def. Miki Pusztai/Long (UM) 9-8

Records

Singles	Overall	Dual	Tourn.	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6
Tom Chicoine	17-15	4-10	13-5	4-10					
Adam Selkirk	9-16	5-7	4-9	1-0	3-6	1-1			
M. Michalowski	16-14	4-8	12-6		3-1	1-7			
Jorge Duenas	17-15	5-8	12-9			3-3	2-4	0-1	
Tyson Parry	14-13	6-5	8-8				1-1	3-3	2-1
Jon Svensson	20-8	14-0	7-8			2-0	4-0	4-0	4-0
M. Kristoffersen	14-7	8-0	6-7						2-0 6-0
Ed Marques	2-8		2-8						
Voke Okoh	0-2		0-2						

Doubles

Doubles	Overall	Dual	Tourn.	#1	#2	#3
Michalowski/Parry	13-11	2-8	11-3	2-8		
Chicoine/Duenas	8-11	3-5	5-6		3-5	
Chicoine/Michal.	1-0	1-0	0-0	1-0		
Duenas/Svensson	2-0	2-1	0-0	1-0		1-0
Kristoff./Selkirk	2-0	2-0	0-0			2-0
Selkirk/Svensson	9-6	5-3	4-3			5-3
Kristoff./Svensson	3-1	1-0	2-1		1-0	
Kristoffersen/Parry	0-2	0-2	0-0	0-1	0-1	
Marques/Dvorak	1-1		1-1			
Marques/Okoh	1-1		1-1			
Chicoine/Kristoff.	0-1	0-1		0-1		
Chicoine/Michal.	1-0	1-0	1-0			
Selkirk/Parry	0-1	0-1				
Duenas/Kristoff.	0-1	0-1				

TRACK & FIELD

THIS WEEK: The Golden Gophers travel 15 competitors to the Sea Ray Relays in Knoxville, Tenn., Friday and Saturday, April 10-11.

ABOUT THE SEA RAYS: The four-day event gets underway Wednesday with the decathlon and heptathlon. Minnesota will compete Friday and Saturday with 10 events the first day and three events the following day. The U of M will have athletes in the throws, high jump, vault, steeplechase, hurdles, 800-meter run and 400-meter dash and two relays.

LAST YEAR AT THE SEA RAYS:

Senior **CHAD YENCHESKY** (DePere, Wis.) qualified provisionally for the NCAA Championships in the shot put, tossing 17.60m (57-9). His throw placed him second.

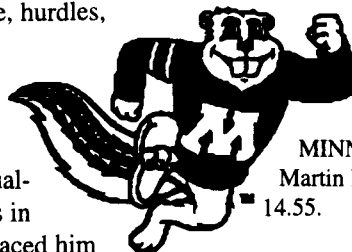
The 4x110 relay team took third and the sprint medley team finished fourth. Senior **NILES DENEEN** (St. Paul, Minn.) also placed sixth in the 110-meter hurdles.

LAST ACTION: **NILES DENEEN** finished fifth in the 110-meter hurdles at the Texas Relays in Austin, Texas, while three Golden Gophers took titles at the Bolstorff Time Trials hosted by Macalester College Saturday in Minneapolis.

Deneen posted a time of 14.32 to win the event. **BRIAN MEYER** (Bloomington, Minn.) took the 400-meter dash title (49.22), along with **JOSH BRANG** (Winona, Minn.) who won the 800-meter run (1:55.74) and **JEREMY POLSON** (Duluth, Minn.) who won the 1,500-meter (3:56.46) at Macalester College. Polson led a group of Golden Gophers who took four of the top five places, including first.

Texas Relays Austin, Texas

April 1-4, 1998



UNIVERSITY MEN'S 110 METER HURDLES

1. John McAfee, BAYLOR 14.01; 2. Kevin Hamilton, TEXAS 14.07; 3. Michael Robbins, NORTHEAST LA 14.12; 4. Rashad Stafford, RICE 14.29; 5. Niles Deneen, MINNESOTA 14.32; 6. Jok Tan Byerly, UTSA 14.33; 7. Martin Dossett, BAYLOR 14.51; 8. John Buschema, FLORIDA 14.55.

UNIVERSITY MEN'S 5,000 METER RUN

1. Jason Larabee, OKLAHOMA 14:13.04; 2. Michael Njenga, TEXAS TECH 14:13.82; 3. David Lagat, TCU 14:32.76; 4. Ricardo Amezcua, KANSAS 14:43.70; 5. Rob Evans, FLORIDA 14:45.98; 6. Jerry Pullins, KANSAS 14:47.07; 7. Devin Elizoudo, U C L A 14:49.68; 8. Rob Genzel, STEPHEN F. A 14:52.36; MINN Finisher: 10. Rick Obleman, MINNESOTA 14:57.66;

UNIV/COLL MEN'S DISCUS THROW

1. John Davis, HOUSTON 59.72m (195-11); 2. Andy Kokhanovsky, ACU 58.38m (191-06); 3. Alex Forst, L S U 58.36m (191-06); 4. Luke

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Sullivan, U C L A 58.04m (190-05); 5. Stefanos Konstas, UTEP 54.46m (178-08); 6. Ed Stansbury, U C L A 53.62m (175-11); 7. Adam Reed, MINNESOTA 53.04m (174-0); 8. Kevin Mannon, WYOMING 52.92m (173-07); 8. Mark Roos, Unattached 52.92m (173-07);

UNIV/COLL MEN'S HIGH JUMP

1. Mark Boswell, TEXAS 2.29m (7-06); 2. Charles Austin, Unattached 2.25m (7-04.50); 3. Ivan Wagner, TEXAS 2.21m (7-03); 4. Ronald Nelson, PRAIRIE VIEW 2.18m (7-01.75); 5. Nathan Leeper, KANSAS STATE 2.18m (7-01.75); 6. Craig Geter, SOUTHERN - B 2.15m (7-00.50); 6. Eric Bishop, NORTH CAROLI 2.15m (7-00.50); 8. Tyler McCormick, MINNESOTA 2.15m (7-00.50);

Bolstorff Time Trial Macalester College April 4, 1998

Men's 400-meter Dash

1. Brian Meyer, MINN, 49.22; 2. Zach Jones, CARLETON, 49.31; 3. Tony Lorenzen, JAMESTWN, 49.52; 4. Brian Lynch, MARY, 49.81; 5. Jason Owen, MINN, 49.85; OTHER MINN FINISHERS: 7. Ron Hoffner, MINN, 51.03; 15. Glen Lindqvist, MINN, 52.72.

Men's 800-meter Run

1. Josh Brang, MINN, 1:55.74; 2. Walt Stevens, JAMESTWN, 1:56.34; 3. Ryan Olson, SJU, 1:56.37; 4. Jarrod Herbers, MARY, 1:56.45; 5. Norbert Typek, MARY, 1:57.52.

Men's 1,500-meter Run

1. Jeremy Polson, MINN, 3:56.46; 2. Joey Corr, UNATT, 3:59.46; 3. Eric Hartmark, MINN, 4:01.85; 4. Charlie McClure, MINN, 4:04.12; 5. Todd Landgraff, MINN, 4:04.73; OTHER MINN FINISHER: 8. Matt Carter, MINN, 4:08.51

Men's 5,000-meter Run

1. John Krueger, SJU, 15:10.44; 2. Dan Simmons, SJU, 15:13.64; 3. Phil Smith, MINN, 15:32.48; 4. Chuck Smith, MINN, 15:34.05; 5. Chris Hassing, HAMLIN, 15:35.60; OTHER MINN FINISHER: 8. Chris Rogers, MINN, 16:01.24

Men's Shot Put

1. JJ Syvaud, JAMESTWN, 16.57m; 2. Darwin Dumonceaux, SJU, 15.08m; 3. Ryan Kooy, BETHEL, 13.86m; 4. Glenn Lindqvist, MINN, 13.64m; 5. Herber Kennedy, HAMLIN, 13.35m

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THIS WEEK IN GOPHER SPORTS

Wed., April 15

- ☐ **Baseball** at Iowa State
Ames, Iowa
3 p.m.
- ☐ **Track & Field** at Mt. SAC Decathlon
Walnut, Calif.
All Day

Thurs., April 16

- ☐ **Gymnastics** at NCAA Championships
University Park, Pa.
6 p.m.
- ☐ **Track & Field** at Mt. SAC Decathlon
Walnut, Calif.
All Day

Fri., April 17

- ☐ **Baseball** at Illinois
Champaign, Ill.
KKMS-AM (980) (TD 7 p.m.)
3 p.m.
- ☐ **Gymnastics** at NCAA Championships
University Park, Pa.
6 p.m.
- ☐ **Tennis** vs. Illinois
98th Street/Bloomington
6 p.m.
- ☐ **Track & Field** at Razorback Invitational
Fayetteville, Ark.
All Day

Sat., April 18

- ☐ **Baseball** at Illinois (2)
Champaign, Ill.
KKMS-AM (980) (Live)
1 p.m.
- ☐ **Gymnastics** at NCAA Championships
University Park, Pa.
6 p.m.

- ☐ **Tennis** vs. Purdue
98th Street/Bloomington
6 p.m.
- ☐ **Track & Field** at Razorback Invitational
Fayetteville, Ark.
All Day

Sun., April 19

- ☐ **Baseball** at Illinois
Champaign, Ill.
KKMS-AM (980) (Live)
1 p.m.

GOPHER HOTLINE

The Golden Gopher Hotline features daily interviews with players and coaches. It is available to the media 24 hours a day by calling (612) 625-7887. The hotline is broadcast quality and is changed by noon each day. This service is for media use only. The schedule for this week is as follows:

Tuesday, April 14:
Linebacker **SEAN HOFFMAN** and center **BEN HAMILTON** talk about spring football.

Wednesday, April 15:
Head Baseball Coach **JOHN ANDERSON** previews the weekend series at Illinois.

Thursday, April 16:
Senior outfielder **MARK GROEBNER** previews the Illinois series.

Friday, April 17:
Quarterbacks **BILLY COCKERHAM**, **ANDY PERSBY** and **RYAN KELLER** on the progress of spring football.

WEEKLY RELEASES

The University of Minnesota Men's Media Relations Office will be producing five separate releases during the 1997-98 academic year. Football, basketball, hockey and baseball information will be covered in sport-specific weekly releases, while information on "Olympic Sports" will appear each Monday in this release. Please refer any questions to the Men's Media Relations office at (612) 625-4090.

GOLF

THIS WEEK: The Golden Gopher men's golf team is idle from tournament action this weekend. The next competition for the Golden Gophers will be April 25-26 at the King Cobra Firestone Intercollegiate in Akron, Ohio.

LAST WEEKEND: Minnesota posted its eighth top ten finish of the 1997-98 season by placing fifth at the Marshall Invitational held at the par-71 Guyan Golf and Country Club in Huntington, W.Va. The Golden Gopher squad fired a three-round total of 871, just nine-shots behind the first-place University of Illinois.

Leading the way for the Golden Gophers was freshman **JAMES MCLEAN** (Wahgunjah, Australia), who fired a third round score of 72 to finish in a three-way tie for ninth-place. Just one shot behind McLean was sophomore **MARTIN LEMESURIER** (Hampshire, England) who shot a third-round score of 73 to finish in a seven-way tie for 12th-place.

Michael Harris of the University of Michigan took home medalist honors by shooting a third-round 2-under par 69 to edge out first-day leader Kyle Voska of Miami of Ohio and Jeff Connell from Notre Dame by one stroke.

Marshall Invitational/Guyan Golf and Country Club

Par: 71 Yardage: 6446

54 Hole Team Tournament Totals

Teams	Scores
University of Illinois	284-292-286--862 (+10)

Ohio State University	295-292-279--866 (+14)
Marshall University	282-285-302--869 (+17)
Indiana University	291-289-289--869 (+17)
MINNESOTA	291-290-290--871 (+19)
Northwestern	294-294-285--873 (+21)
Miami of Ohio	288-288-298--874 (+22)
University of Notre Dame	294-301-283--878 (+26)
University of Michigan	300-291-288--879 (+27)
University of Louisville	305-289-286--880 (+28)
Ball State University	288-290-305--883 (+31)
University of Toledo	308-282-294--884 (+32)
University of Akron	291-293-300--884 (+32)



University of Kentucky	301-295-295--891 (+39)
Michigan State University	304-294-295--893 (+41)
University of Wisconsin	302-299-293--894 (+42)
Eastern Kentucky University	308-290-300--898 (+46)
Ohio University	300-300-305--905 (+53)
Murray State University	302-299-306--907 (+55)
Eastern Michigan University	308-299-303--910 (+58)

Marshall Invitational/Guyan Golf and Country Club
Par: 71 Yardage: 6,446

36 Hole Team Tournament Totals

Players	School	Scores
1. Michael Harris	Michigan	72-67-69--208 (-5)
2. Kyle Voska	Miami (OH)	65-72-72--209 (-4)
Jeff Connell	Notre Dame	70-69-70--209 (-4)
4. Josh Brewer	Indiana	71-69-72--212 (-1)
Ed Parga	Illinois	68-71-73--212 (-1)
6. D.A. Points	Illinois	72-72-69--213 (E)
Matt Querry	Toledo	73-70-70--213 (E)
8. Randy Leen	Indiana	71-71-72--214 (+1)
9. James McLean	Minnesota	73-70-72--215 (+2)
Keith Hinton	Michigan	73-72-70--215 (+2)
Mike Austin	Ohio State	75-74-66--215 (+2)

Golden Gopher Scores

Golfer	Scores (Places)
James McLean	73-70-72--215 (+2) (T-9)
Martin LeMesurier	72-71-73--216 (+3) (T-12)
Adam Dooely	72-75-71--218 (+5) (T-22)
Rob Kerr	74-76-74--224 (+11) (T-55)
Bill Thompson	74-74-76--224 (+11) (T-55)

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA GOLF TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL RESULTS AND STROKE AVERAGES (1997-98 season as of 4/13/98)

TEAM STATS

DATE	TOURNAMENT	SCORES	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15	ReliaStar Collegiate Invite	287/286/282	855/1st out of 12
Sept. 27-28	Northern Collegiate Invite	296/288/294	878/T-2nd out of 17
Oct. 6-7	Nike Northwest Classic	301/299/295	895/T-13th out of 22
Oct. 10-11	Coca-Cola Classic	289/300/291	880/2nd out of 21
Feb. 16-17	Bridges All-American	286/301	587/3rd out of 18
Feb. 23-24	Puerto Rico Classic	297/298/290	885/T-4th out of 15
March 23-24	Cuscowilla Intercollegiate	301/289/284	874/9th out of 12
March 28-29	Dr. Pepper Intercollegiate	291/284/294	869/1st out of 18
Apr. 10-11	Marshall Invitational	291/290/290	871/5th out of 20

INDIVIDUAL STATS

James McLean	TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Feb. 16-17	Bridges All-American	71/83	142	154/T-50th out of 90
Feb. 23-24	Puerto Rico Classic	73/73/68	216	214/5th out of 75
March 23-24	Cuscowilla Intercol.	74/67/72	210	213/11th out of 60
March 28-29	Dr. Pepper Intercol.	70/69/73	216	212/1st out of 90
Apr. 10-11	Marshall Invitational	73/70/72	213	215/T-9th out of 100
Rounds: 14	Strokes: 1008	Average: 72.0		

Justin Royer	TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15	ReliaStar Coll. Invite*	72/77/69	216	218/T-15th out of 65
Rounds: 3	Strokes: 218	Average: 72.7		

Rob Kerr	TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15	ReliaStar Coll. Invite	70/68/71	216	209/1st out of 65
Sept. 27-28	Northern Coll. Invite	74/65/71	216	210/1st out of 90
Oct. 6-7	Nike Northwest Classic	75/76/75	216	226/T-56th out of 110
Oct. 10-11	Coca-Cola Classic	73/79/70	216	222/T-19th out of 111
Feb. 16-17	Bridges All-American	69/72	142	141/1st out of 90
Feb. 23-24	Puerto Rico Classic	76/73/72	216	221/T-17th out of 75
March 23-24	Cuscowilla Intercol.	78/75/71	210	224/T-41st out of 60
March 28-29	Dr. Pepper Intercol.	74/71/74	216	219/T-8th out of 90
Apr. 10-11	Marshall Invitational	74/76/74	213	224/T-55th out of 100
Rounds: 26	Strokes: 1896	Average: 72.9		

Martin Le Mesurier	TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15	ReliaStar Colleg. Invite	78/74/70	216	222/T-32nd out of 65
Sept. 27-28	Northern Colleg. Invite	72/78/73	216	223/T-18th out of 90
Oct. 6-7	Nike Northwest Classic	79/73/75	216	227/T-59th out of 110
Oct. 10-11	Coca-Cola Classic	72/74/73	216	219/12th out of 111
Feb. 23-24	Puerto Rico Classic	72/72/75	216	219/T-11th out of 75
March 23-24	Cuscowilla Intercol.	71/75/68	210	214/T-12th out of 60
March 28-29	Dr. Pepper Intercol.	72/73/73	216	218/T-6th out of 90
Apr. 10-11	Marshall Invitational	72/71/73	213	216/T-12th out of 100
Rounds: 24	Strokes: 1758	Average: 73.3		

Bill Thompson	TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15	ReliaStar Colleg. Invite	71/73/71	216	215/T-6th out of 65
Sept. 27-28	Northern Colleg. Invite	76/72/75	216	223/T-18th out of 90
Oct. 6-7	Nike Northwest Classic	72/74/71	216	217/T-10th out of 110
Oct. 10-11	Coca-Cola Classic	71/73/76	216	220/T-13th out of 111

GOLF

	TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Feb. 16-17	Bridges All-American	76/76	142	152/T38th out of 90
March 23-24	Cuscowilla Intercoll.	78/72/73	210	223/T-38th out of 60
March 28-29	Dr. Pepper Intercoll.	75/75/74	216	224/T-17th out of 90
Apr. 10-11	Marshall Invitational	74/74/76	213	224/T55th out of 100
Rounds: 23	Strokes: 1698	Average: 73.8		

Adam Dooley	TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15	ReliaStar Colleg. Invite	74/77/70	216	221/T-28th out of 65
Oct. 10-11	Coca-Cola Classic	77/74/73	216	224/T-35th out of 111
Feb. 16-17	Bridges All-American	72/79	142	151/T-35th out of 90
Feb. 23-24	Puerto Rico Classic	80/80/76	216	236/T-62nd out of 75
March 28-29	Dr. Pepper Intercoll.	77/71/76	216	224/T-17th out of 90
Apr. 10-11	Marshall Invitational	72/75/71	213	218/T2nd out of 100
Rounds: 17	Strokes: 1274	Average: 74.9		

Jeff Barney	TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15	ReliaStar Colleg. Invite*	71/73/70	216	214/T-4th out of 65
Sept. 27-28	Northern Colleg. Invite	79/78/75	216	232/T-53rd out of 90
Oct. 6-7	Nike Northwest Classic	78/76/74	216	228/T-70th out of 110
March 8-9	Alabama-Birming. Invite	81/77	144	n/a
Rounds: 11	Strokes: 832	Average: 75.6		

Andy Komor	TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15	ReliaStar Colleg. Invite	72/71/72	216	215/T-6th out of 65
Sept. 27-28	Northern Colleg. Invite	74/73/76	216	223/T-18th out of 90
Oct. 6-7	Nike Northwest Classic	76/79/82	216	237/T-99th out of 110
Feb. 16-17	Bridges All-American	74/74	142	148/T-18th out of 90
Feb. 23-24	Puerto Rico Classic	76/83/75	216	234/T-57th out of 75
March 23-24	Cuscowilla Intercoll.	78/78/74	210	230/T-52nd out of 60
Rounds: 17	Strokes: 1287	Average: 75.7		

Matt Burgess	TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15	ReliaStar Colleg. Invite*	76/76/71	216	223/T37th out of 65
Oct. 10-11	Coca-Cola Classic	73/83/75	216	231/T-76th out of 111
March 8-9	Alabama-Birming. Invite	79/79	144	n/a
Rounds: 8	Strokes: 612	Average: 76.5		

Bob Brink	TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15	ReliaStar Colleg. Invite*	75/72/72	216	219/T20th out of 65
March 8-9	Alabama-Birming. Invite	87/79	144	n/a
Rounds: 5	Strokes: 385	Average: 77.0		

Santiago Fernandez	TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15	ReliaStar Colleg. Invite*	83/83/78	216	244/64th out of 65
March 8-9	Alabama-Birming. Invite	78/82	144	n/a
Rounds: 5	Strokes: 404	Average: 80.8		

Dave Gunderson	TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
March 8-9	Alabama-Birming. Invite	84/77	144	n/a
Rounds: 2	Strokes: 161	Average: 80.5		

Brian Santee	TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
March 8-9	Alabama-Birming. Invite	86/79	144	n/a
Rounds: 2	Strokes: 165	Average: 82.5		

Note: * indicates that the golfer competed as an individual and the scores did not count towards the team score

GYMNASTICS

THIS WEEK: Senior **GEORGE BEATTY** (Aberdeen, N.J.) is the lone Golden Gopher competitor at the NCAA Championships April 16-18, in University Park, Pa. Beatty will compete on the parallel bars.

LAST ACTION: Four individuals competed at the NCAA East Regional Championships in Amherst, Mass., April 4. Senior George Beatty finished in a tie for 12th place with a 9.550 on the parallel bars, qualifying for the NCAA Championships on that event. Beatty also finished in a tie for third on the pommel horse, scoring a 9.650 and placed 38th on the high bar with a 8.700. Sophomore **LINDSEY FANG** (Allentown, Pa.) finished 11th in the all-around competition with a 55.150. Fang took a share of 15th place on the floor exercise (9.500), 13th on the pommel horse (9.450) and 15th on the vault (9.600). Junior **JASON KROB** (St. Charles, Mo.) finished in a tie for 19th place on the pommel horse with a 9.300 and sophomore **CHAD CONNER** (Dallas, Texas) competed on the high bar.

BEATTY IS LONE QUALIFIER: Senior co-captain George Beatty has had an outstanding final season. Beatty scored a 9.550 on the parallel bars to finish in a tie for 12th place and qualify for the NCAA Championships on that event. He also finished in a tie for third place on the pommel horse scoring a 9.65, but did not qualify due to tie-breaking criteria. The top three individuals in each event who have not qualified in

the all-around competition or are not members of teams that qualified advance to the championships. Ties are broken by the gymnasts' regional qualifying average.

BEATTY'S BACKGROUND: George Beatty will finish his career as a four-year letterwinner at the University of Minnesota. Last season Beatty scored a 9.650 on the pommel horse at the NCAA Championships. His score was not high enough to advance to the event finals. As a sophomore, Beatty finished tied for fifth on the parallel bars at the Big Ten Championships with a 9.550. Beatty began his collegiate career in style as he was a member of Minnesota's last Big Ten Championship team in 1995.



GEORGE'S GRAND FINALE: George Beatty's final season has been an excellent one. In addition to his third-place finish on the pommel horse at the East Regionals, Beatty won four pommel horse titles in seven dual meets this season. He added two more titles on the parallel bars, the event he will compete in this weekend at the NCAA Championships.

COACH ROETHLISBERGER: Head Coach Fred Roethlisberger is in his 27th year at the helm of the University of Minnesota Gymnastics program. Roethlisberger has led his team to 11 Big Ten Championships during his tenure and has a 170-73-1 (.710) career record.

SCOREBOARD

1998 MEN'S GYMNASTICS SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Site/Result
Jan. 10	Alumni Meet	* L 213.90-221.85
Jan. 17	Windy City Invitational	7th/213.85
Jan. 31	Ohio State	L 217.95-226.35
Feb. 7	Illinois	L 221.070-216.550
Feb. 13	Michigan State	L 221.75-228.425
Feb. 14	Michigan	L 222.575-226.85
Feb. 27	Nebraska	L 221.275-229.575
Mar. 1	Iowa	L 222-90-226.40
Mar. 7	Illinois-Chicago	W 224.100-220.800
Mar. 20-21	Big Ten Championships	7th/222.225
April 4	NCAA East Regionals	No team scores
April 16-18	NCAA Championships	University Park, Pa.

*Exhibition

GOPHER FLASHES

NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS: The NCAA Championships are set for April 16-18 in University Park, Pa. The top three teams in each region qualify for the competition. Here are the results of the East Regional held in Amherst, Mass.

Team Scores:

1. Ohio State	228.725
2. Illinois	227.925
3. Iowa	226.975
4. Penn State	226.925
5. Michigan	225.100
6. Michigan State	223.425

Individual Results

All-Around: Travis Romagnoli (IL) 58.100
Floor Exercise: D. Gerlach (Temple) 9.800
Pommel Horse: Mike Dutka (PSU) 9.825
Still Rings: Ron Roeder (PSU) 9.800
Vault: Travis Romagnoli (IL) 9.850
Parallel Bars: Jason Krane (una.) 9.825
High Bar: Travis Romagnoli (IL) 9.900

TENNIS

THIS WEEK: The U of M hosts Illinois and Purdue at the 98th Street Racquet Club in Bloomington, Minn., this weekend. Both matches begin at 6 p.m. as the Golden Gophers face the Fighting Illini Friday and the Boilermakers Saturday.

AGAINST NORTHWESTERN: Minnesota snapped a two-match losing streak by upsetting 24th-ranked Northwestern 4-3 in Evanston, Ill., April 11. The Golden Gophers, ranked 44th in the nation, evened their Big Ten record to 3-3, defeating their second top 25 team of the year. In February Minnesota upset then-24th ranked Kansas 4-3.

Minnesota's other upset of the afternoon came at No. 1 singles when junior **TOM CHICOINE** (Neenah, Wis.) knocked off the nation's 24th-ranked singles player Marc Silva 6-4, 3-6, 6-2.

Two Golden Gophers kept their records perfect as freshman **JON SVENSSON** (Kristianstad, Sweden) won his 15th straight dual match with a 6-4, 6-4 victory over Ry Tarpley at No. 4 singles, and junior **MARTIN KRISTOFFERSEN** (Portsgrunn, Norway) won his ninth straight dual match with a 6-7, 6-2, 6-1 win over Derrick Nguyen at No. 6 singles.

AGAINST WISCONSIN: Svensson won his 16th straight dual match even though the team lost to Wisconsin 4-3 Sunday in Madison, Wis. Svensson, competing at No. 4 singles, defeated Stefan Reist 6-4, 6-3. The win brought his dual match record to

16-0 and overall record to 22-8.

Minnesota (7-10 overall, 3-4 Big Ten) won the doubles point as Chicoine and junior **MARTIN MICHALOWSKI** (Ottawa, Ont.) remained unbeaten at No. 1 doubles (4-0). Four of six singles matches went into three sets, including the No. 6 singles match which saw Kristoffersen's nine-match winning streak come to an end.

SCOUTING THE OPPOSITION: Illinois comes to town sporting a No. 6 national ranking. The Fighting Illini, perfect in the Big Ten this season, have been ranked as high as second in the country. Three Illinois players are rated in the top 100, including No. 1 singles player Oliver Freelove, who checks in at 41st.

Against Illinois, Minnesota has gone 25-18. Last season Illinois, the current defending Big Ten Champion, beat Minnesota 4-2 at the Big Ten Championships and 5-1 in Champaign, Ill.

Illinois will play Notre Dame April 13 prior to meeting Minnesota.

Purdue enters the weekend following a pair of Big Ten wins over Ohio State (7-0) and Indiana (6-1). The Boilermakers are 4-2 in the conference and hold a 9-8 overall record. Their No. 1 doubles team of Cris James and Derek Meyers are 39th in the country.

Minnesota holds a commanding 34-5 all-time record against Purdue. Last season the Golden Gophers defeated the Boilermakers at the Big Ten Championships and NCAA Regional Championships, but lost in regular dual match play 4-3 in West Lafayette, Ind.



SCOREBOARD

MINNESOTA 4, NORTHWESTERN 3
Evanston, Ill.
April 11, 1998

Singles

- No. 1 - Tom Chicoine (UM) def. Marc Silva (NW) 6-4, 3-6, 6-2
- No. 2 - Alex Witt (NW) def. Adam Selkirk (NW) 6-2, 7-6 (5)
- No. 3 - Doug Bohaboy (NW) def. Martin Michalowski (UM) 1-6, 6-3, 6-2
- No. 4 - Jon Svensson (UM) def. Ry Tarpley (NW) 6-4, 6-4
- No. 5 - Jorge Duenas (UM) def. Martin Bengtsson (NW) 3-6, 6-1, 6-3
- No. 6 - Martin Kristoffersen (UM) def. Derrick Nguyen (NW) 6-7, 6-2, 6-1

Doubles

- No. 1 - Chicoine/Michalowski (UM) def. Witt/Bohaboy 8-6
- No. 2 - Silva/Tarpley (NW) def. Parry/Duenas 8-5
- No. 3 - Bengtsson/Nguyen (NW) def. Selkirk/Kristoffersen 8-5

WISCONSIN 4, MINNESOTA 3
Madison, Wis.
April 12, 1998

Singles

- No. 1 - Mark Loughrin (UW) def. Tom Chicoine (UM) 6-1, 6-7 (6), 7-5
- No. 2 - John Thomsen (UW) def. Adam Selkirk (UM) 4-6, 7-6 (5), 6-4
- No. 3 - Martin Michalowski (UM) def. David Chang (UW) 1-6, 7-5, 7-5
- No. 4 - Jon Svensson (UM) def. Stefan Reist (UW) 6-4, 6-3
- No. 5 - Jeff Malik (UW) def. Jorge Duenas (UM) 7-5, 6-3
- No. 6 - Adam Schumacher (UW) def. Martin Kristoffersen (UM) 7-5, 2-6, 6-1

Doubles

- No. 1 - Chicoine/Michalowski (UM) def. Loughrin/Schumacher (UW) 8-5
- No. 2 - Parry/Duenas (UM) def. Thomsen/Chang (UW) 8-2
- No. 3 - Malik/Pederson (UW) vs. Selkirk/Svensson (UM) susp. 7-7

Records

Singles	Overall	Dual	Tourn.	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6
Tom Chicoine	18-16	5-11	13-5	5-11					
Adam Selkirk	9-18	5-9	4-9	1-0	3-8	1-1			
M. Michalowski	17-14	5-8	12-6		3-1	2-7			
Jorge Duenas	18-16	6-9	12-9			3-4	2-4	1-1	
Tyson Parry	14-13	6-5	8-8					1-1	3-3
Jon Svensson	22-8	14-0	7-8			2-0	6-0	4-0	4-0
M. Kristoffersen	15-8	9-1	6-7						2-0
Ed Marques	2-8		2-8						
Voke Okoh	0-2		0-2						

Doubles

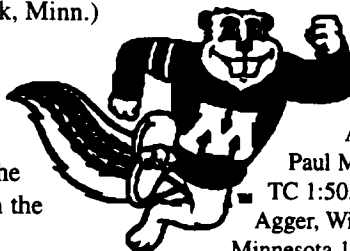
Doubles	Overall	Dual	Tourn.	#1	#2	#3
Michalowski/Parry	13-11	2-8	11-3	2-8		
Chicoine/Duenas	8-11	3-5	5-6		3-5	
Chicoine/Michal.	3-0	3-0	0-0	3-0		
Duenas/Svensson	2-0	2-1	0-0	1-0		1-0
Kristoff./Selkirk	2-0	2-0	0-0			2-0
Selkirk/Svensson	8-7	4-4	4-3			4-4
Kristoff./Svensson	3-1	1-0	2-1		1-0	
Kristoffersen/Parry	0-1	0-1	0-0		0-1	
Duenas/Parry	1-1	1-1	0-0		1-1	
Marques/Okoh	1-1		1-1			
Chicoine/Kristoff.	0-1	0-1		0-1		
Chicoine/Michal.	1-0	1-0	1-0			
Selkirk/Parry	0-1	0-1				
Duenas/Kristoff.	0-1	0-1				

TRACK & FIELD

THIS WEEK: Minnesota decathletes travel to the Mt. SAC decathlon in Walnut, Calif., Wednesday and Thursday, April 16-17. Other athletes will be competing at the Razorback Invitational Friday and Saturday, April 17-18, in Fayetteville, Ark.

AT THE SEA RAYS: Three athletes set personal best outdoor marks at the Sea Ray Relays in Knoxville, Tenn., April 11-12. Sophomore **RON HOFFNER** (Brooklyn Park, Minn.) set a personal-best time in the 800-meter run, placing 19th with a time of 1:52.81. Freshman **TOM GERDING** (Waconia, Minn.) and senior **TONY RITER** (Shoreview, Minn.) also ran career-best outdoor times. Gerding took 10th in the 400-meter dash (47.89) and Riter finished 15th in the 3,000-meter steeplechase (9:19.25).

The distance medley relay team of Hoffner, Gerding, senior **SCOTT BEADLE** (Moorhead, Minn.) and sophomore **JASON OWEN** (Stewartville, Minn.) took fifth with a time of 9:53.59. Also placing well for the Golden Gophers were seniors **NILES DENEEN** (St. Paul, Minn.), **TYE HARVEY** (Jamestown, Calif.) and Beadle. Beadle posted a seventh-place finish in the 400-meter dash time, Deneen took seventh in the 110-meter hurdles and Harvey placed fourth in the pole vault.



Sea Ray Relays
Knoxville, Tenn.
April 10-11

400 METER DASH 1. Clement Chukwa, Eastern Mich 45.92; 2. Julius Edwards, Auburn 46.32; 3. Samuel Matete, Nike 46.54; 4. Ryan Stanley, Arkansas 47.22; 5. Johnathan Leon, Arkansas 47.42; 6. Paston Coke, NY Tech 47.46; 7. Scott Beadle, Minnesota 47.56; 8. Justin Devine, Tennessee 47.73; 9. Rah'Sheen Clay, Bowling Green 47.85; 10. Tom Gerding, Minnesota 47.89

800 METER RUN 1. Klint Wescom, Illinois Sta 1:47.75; 2. Trinity Gray, Brown 1:47.78; 3. David Krummenacker, Georgia Tech 1:47.91; 4. Ned Brooks, Seton Hall 1:48.73; 5. Jeremy Huffman, Arkansas 1:48.86; 6. Aaron Richberg, Auburn 1:49.03; 7. Paul McMullen, Asics T C 1:49.24; 8. Brad Rogers, Kentucky TC 1:50.07; 9. Mark Wilson, Lindsey-Wils 1:50.15; 10. Sean Agger, Wisconsin 1:50.58; **MINN Finishers:** 19. Ron Hoffner, Minnesota 1:52.81; 27. Jason Owen, Minnesota 1:53.49; 29.

110 METER HURDLES 1. Gordon Drijver, Unattached 13.99 w:1.5; 2. Marcus Green, Seton Hall 14.01 w:1.5; 3. Aubrey Herring, Indiana Stat 14.08 w:1.6; 4. Ty Yeager, Indiana 14.10 w:1.5; 5. D'Marcus Brown, Arkansas 14.13 w:1.6; 6. Chad Smith, Adidas 14.27 w:0.4; 7. Niles Deneen, Minnesota 14.34 w:1.6; 8. Chris Stokes, Va Tech 14.37 w:0.5; 9. Mike Spaulding, Eastern Mich 14.43 w:0.4; 10. Dedric Ruffin, Miss St 14.44 w:1.6

SCOREBOARD

HIGH JUMP OPEN 1. Vince Moran, Miss St 2.03m (6-08); 2. K J Green, Indiana Stat 2.03m (6-08); 3. Ben Pincer, Indiana 2.03m (6-08); 4. Doug Heitkamp, Bowling Gree 2.03m (6-08); 5. Jeremy Rochford, Indiana 1.98m (6-06); 5. Marc Johannsen, Minnesota 1.98m (6-06); 5. Chris Bills, Hillsdale 1.98m (6-06); 8. Jason Brewer, Clemson 1.98m (6-06); 8. Andrew Vander Wagen, Kentucky 1.98m (6-06); 8. Matt Rush, Unattached 1.98m (6-06).

DISCUS THROW OPEN 1. Olaf Toebben, Unattached 57.32m (188-01); 2. Kurt Krick, Indiana 55.96m (183-07); 3. Scott Perkinson, Tennessee 55.44m (181-11); 4. Ray Wilks, Connecticut 54.10m (177-06); 5. Nathan Fanger, Kent State 53.74m (176-04); 6. Dan Fax, Marquette 52.18m (171-02); 7. Lance Jauron, Tennessee 51.78m (169-10); 8. Ben Jackson, Indiana 50.28m (164-11); 9. Zach Fleming, Indiana 48.90m (160-05); 10. Chad Yenchesky, Minnesota 48.78m (160-0); **MINN Finishers:** 12. Mark Fahey, Minnesota 47.42m (155-07); 13. Jeff Marsh, Minnesota 47.32m (155-03).

3,000 METER STEEPLECHASE INVITE 1. Mark Croghan, Adidas 8:23.28; 2. Chuck Slaon, Oklahoma St 8:46.54; 3. Tom Chorny, Indiana 8:49.78; 4. Anthony Famiglietti, Appy State 8:52.12; 5. Lowis Anyega, Lindsey-Wils 8:59.82; 6. Jay Brock, Northrn Iowa 9:01.68; 7. Clint Verran, Eastern Mich 9:02.21; 8. Mirek Bieniecki, Lewis 9:02.43; 9. Nate Birkmeier, Illinois Sta 9:04.89; 10. Bob Bond, Youngstown 9:09.27; **MINN Finishers:** 15. Tony Riter, Minnesota 9:19.25.

DISTANCE MEDLEY 1. Arkansas 9:43.19; 2. Wisconsin 9:45.44; 3. Tennessee 9:49.64; 4. Ashland 9:53.49; 5. Minnesota 9:53.59; 6.

Youngstown 9:55.20; 7. Indiana 9:55.84; 8. Eastern Kentucky 9:56.57; 9. Marquette 9:57.45; 10. Clemson 9:58.30.

POLE VAULT INVITE 1. Tim Mack, Unattached 5.65m (18-06.50); 2. Juri Rowan, Northrn Iowa 5.42m (17-09.25); 3. Lawrence Johnson, Adidas 5.42m (17-09.25); 4. Tye Harvey, Minnesota 5.15m (16-10.75).

SHOT PUT INVITE 1. Brian Miller, N.Y. Athletic 18.99m (62-03.75); 2. Dan Fax, Marquette 17.89m (58-08.50); 3. Kurt Krick, Indiana 17.86m (58-07.25); 4. Ray Wilks, Connecticut 17.70m (58-01); 5. Kevin Robinson, Memphis 17.55m (57-07); 6. Zach Fleming, Indiana 17.40m (57-0); 7. John Densевич, Kent 17.13m (56-02.50); 8. Chad Yenchesky, Minnesota 16.57m (54-04.50); 9. Wes Boudreau, Tennessee 16.45m (53-11.75); 10. Darwin Walker, Tennessee 16.26m (53-04.25).

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THIS WEEK IN GOPHER SPORTS

Tues., April 21

☐ **Baseball** vs. St. Thomas
Siebert Field
3 p.m.

Sat., April 25

☐ **Track & Field** at Drake Relays
Des Moines, Iowa
All Day

Fri., April 24

☐ **Baseball** vs. Indiana
Siebert Field
KKMS-AM (980) (TD 7 p.m.)
6:30 p.m.

☐ **Golf** at King Cobra Intercollegiate
Akron, Ohio
All Day

☐ **Track & Field** at Drake Relays
Des Moines, Iowa
All Day

Sun., April 26

☐ **Baseball** vs. Indiana
Siebert Field
KKMS-AM (980) (Live)
1 p.m.

☐ **Tennis** vs. Indiana
98th St. Racquet Club
9 a.m.

Sat., April 25

☐ **Baseball** vs. Indiana (2)
Siebert Field
KKMS-AM (980) (Live)
MSC (Live)
4 p.m.

☐ **Football** vs. Spring Game
Metrodome
11 a.m.

☐ **Golf** at King Cobra Intercollegiate
Akron, Ohio
All Day

GOPHER HOTLINE

The Golden Gopher Hotline features daily interviews with players and coaches. It is available to the media 24 hours a day by calling (612) 625-7887. The hotline is broadcast quality and is changed by noon each day. This service is for media use only. The schedule for this week is as follows:

Tuesday, April 21:

Center **BEN HAMILTON** on spring football.

Wednesday, April 22:

Defensive Coordinator **DAVID GIBBS** on the progress of spring football.

Thursday, April 23:

Head Baseball Coach **JOHN ANDERSON** previews the Indiana series.

Friday, April 24:

Junior outfielder **ROBB QUINLAN** talks about the week-end series against Indiana.

WEEKLY RELEASES

The University of Minnesota Men's Media Relations Office will be producing five separate releases during the 1997-98 academic year. Football, basketball, hockey and baseball information will be covered in sport-specific weekly releases, while information on "Olympic Sports" will appear each Monday in this release. Please refer any questions to the Men's Media Relations office at (612) 625-4090.

GOLF

THIS WEEK: The Golden Gopher men's golf team will travel to Akron, Ohio for the King Cobra Intercollegiate this weekend. Minnesota was idle from competition last weekend.

TOURNAMENT FACTS:

Dates: April 25-26, 1998

Location: Akron, Ohio

Host School: University of Akron

Course: Firestone Country Club

Par: 72

Yardage: 7,060

Schools (19): Akron, Toledo, Kent State, Ball State, Northern Illinois, Miami (Ohio), Bowling Green, Eastern Michigan, Ohio, Marshall, Iowa, Purdue, Wisconsin, Illinois, Louisville, Naval Academy, Eastern Carolina, Xavier, Minnesota
1997 Team Champion: Northwestern

UP NEXT: Minnesota will travel to the Wolverine Invitational in Ann Arbor, Mich. Play will begin with 36 holes on Saturday, May 2, and conclude with 18 holes of action on Sunday, May 3.

DOWN THE ROAD: The Golden Gophers will have their sights set on a conference title when they travel to East Lansing, Mich., for the Big Ten Tournament May 8-10. The NCAA Central Regional follows on May 13-15, with the collegiate golf season concluding at the NCAA Championships in Albuquerque, New Mexico

(hosted by University of New Mexico) from May 24-30.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA GOLF TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL RESULTS AND STROKE AVERAGES

(1997-98 season as of 4/20/98)

TEAM STATS

DATE	TOURNAMENT	SCORES	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15	ReliaStar Collegiate Invite	287/286/282	855/1st out of 12
Sept. 27-28	Northern Collegiate Invite	296/288/294	878/T-2nd out of 17
Oct. 6-7	Nike Northwest Classic	301/299/295	895/T-13th out of 22
Oct. 10-11	Coca-Cola Classic	289/300/291	880/2nd out of 21
Feb. 16-17	Bridges All-American	286/301	587/3rd out of 18
Feb. 23-24	Puerto Rico Classic	297/298/290	885/T-4th out of 15
March 23-24	Cuscowilla Intercollegiate	301/289/284	874/9th out of 12
March 28-29	Dr. Pepper Intercollegiate	291/284/294	869/1st out of 18
Apr. 10-11	Marshall Invitational	291/290/290	871/5th out of 20

INDIVIDUAL STATS

James McLean

	TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Feb. 16-17	Bridges All-American	71/83	142	154/T-50th out of 90
Feb. 23-24	Puerto Rico Classic	73/73/68	216	214/5th out of 75
March 23-24	Cuscowilla Intercoll.	74/67/72	210	213/11th out of 60
March 28-29	Dr. Pepper Intercoll.	70/69/73	216	212/1st out of 90
Apr. 10-11	Marshall Invitational	73/70/72	213	215/T-9th out of 100
Rounds: 14	Strokes: 1008	Average: 72.0		

	TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15	ReliaStar Coll. Invite*	72/77/69	216	218/T15th out of 65
Rounds: 3	Strokes: 218	Average: 72.7		

	TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15	ReliaStar Coll. Invite	70/68/71	216	209/1st out of 65

Sept. 27-28	Northern Coll. Invite	74/65/71	216	210/1st out of 90
Oct. 6-7	Nike Northwest Classic	75/76/75	216	226/T-56th out of 110
Oct. 10-11	Coca-Cola Classic	73/79/70	216	222/T-19th out of 111
Feb. 16-17	Bridges All-American	69/72	142	141/1st out of 90
Feb. 23-24	Puerto Rico Classic	76/73/72	216	221/T-17th out of 75
March 23-24	Cuscowilla Intercoll.	78/75/71	210	224/T-41st out of 60
March 28-29	Dr. Pepper Intercoll.	74/71/74	216	219/T-8th out of 90
Apr. 10-11	Marshall Invitational	74/76/74	213	224/T55th out of 100
Rounds: 26	Strokes: 1896	Average: 72.9		

Martin Le Mesurier

	TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15	ReliaStar Colleg. Invite	78/74/70	216	222/T-32nd out of 65
Sept. 27-28	Northern Colleg. Invite	72/78/73	216	223/T-18th out of 90
Oct. 6-7	Nike Northwest Classic	79/73/75	216	227/T-59th out of 110
Oct. 10-11	Coca-Cola Classic	72/74/73	216	219/12th out of 111
Feb. 23-24	Puerto Rico Classic	72/72/75	216	219/T-11th out of 75
March 23-24	Cuscowilla Intercoll.	71/75/68	210	214/T-12th out of 60
March 28-29	Dr. Pepper Intercoll.	72/73/73	216	218/T-6th out of 90
Apr. 10-11	Marshall Invitational	72/71/73	213	216/T12th out of 100
Rounds: 24	Strokes: 1758	Average: 73.3		

Bill Thompson

	TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15	ReliaStar Colleg. Invite	71/73/71	216	215/T-6th out of 65
Sept. 27-28	Northern Colleg. Invite	76/72/75	216	223/T-18th out of 90
Oct. 6-7	Nike Northwest Classic	72/74/71	216	217/T-10th out of 110
Oct. 10-11	Coca-Cola Classic	71/73/76	216	220/T-13th out of 111
Feb. 16-17	Bridges All-American	76/76	142	152/T38th out of 90
March 23-24	Cuscowilla Intercoll.	78/72/73	210	223/T-38th out of 60
March 28-29	Dr. Pepper Intercoll.	75/75/74	216	224/T-17th out of 90
Apr. 10-11	Marshall Invitational	74/74/76	213	224/T55th out of 100

Rounds: 23	Strokes: 1698	Average: 73.8	
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	TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15	ReliaStar Colleg. Invite	74/77/70	216	221/T-28th out of 65
Oct. 10-11	Coca-Cola Classic	77/74/73	216	224/T-35th out of 111
Feb. 16-17	Bridges All-American	72/79	142	151/T-35th out of 90
Feb. 23-24	Puerto Rico Classic	80/80/76	216	236/T-62nd out of 75
March 28-29	Dr. Pepper Intercoll.	77/71/76	216	224/T-17th out of 90
Apr. 10-11	Marshall Invitational	72/75/71	213	218/T22nd out of 100
Rounds: 17	Strokes: 1274	Average: 74.9		

	TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15	ReliaStar Colleg. Invite*	71/73/70	216	214/T-4th out of 65
Sept. 27-28	Northern Colleg. Invite	79/78/75	216	232/T-53rd out of 90
Oct. 6-7	Nike Northwest Classic	78/76/74	216	228/T-70th out of 110
March 8-9	Alabama-Birming. Invite	81/77	144	n/a
Rounds: 11	Strokes: 832	Average: 75.6		

	TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15	ReliaStar Colleg. Invite	72/71/72	216	215/T-6th out of 65
Sept. 27-28	Northern Colleg. Invite	74/73/76	216	223/T-18th out of 90
Oct. 6-7	Nike Northwest Classic	76/79/82	216	237/T-99th out of 110
Feb. 16-17	Bridges All-American	74/74	142	148/T-18th out of 90
Feb. 23-24	Puerto Rico Classic	76/83/75	216	234/T-57th out of 75
March 23-24	Cuscowilla Intercoll.	78/78/74	210	230/T-52nd out of 60
Rounds: 17	Strokes: 1287	Average: 75.7		

	TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15	ReliaStar Colleg. Invite*	76/76/71	216	223/T37th out of 65
Oct. 10-11	Coca-Cola Classic	73/83/75	216	231/T-76th out of 111
March 8-9	Alabama-Birming. Invite	79/79	144	n/a
Rounds: 8	Strokes: 612	Average: 76.5		

GOLF

Bob Brink	TOURNAMENT	SCORES PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15	ReliaStar Colleg. Invite*	75/72/72 216	219/T20th out of 65
March 8-9	Alabama-Birming. Invite	87/79 144	n/a
Rounds: 5	Strokes: 385	Average: 77.0	

Santiago Fernandez

	TOURNAMENT	SCORES PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15	ReliaStar Colleg. Invite*	83/83/78 216	244/64th out of 65
March 8-9	Alabama-Birming. Invite	78/82 144	n/a
Rounds: 5	Strokes: 404	Average: 80.8	

Dave Gunderson

	TOURNAMENT	SCORES PAR	FINAL/FINISH
March 8-9	Alabama-Birming. Invite	84/77 144	n/a
Rounds: 2	Strokes: 161	Average: 80.5	

Brian Santee	TOURNAMENT	SCORES PAR	FINAL/FINISH
March 8-9	Alabama-Birming. Invite	86/79 144	n/a
Rounds: 2	Strokes: 165	Average: 82.5	

Note: * indicates that the golfer competed as an individual and the scores did not count towards the team score



GYMNASTICS

1998 SEASON CONCLUDES: Minnesota ended the 1998 campaign with a seventh-place finish at the Big Ten Championships on March 21 in Ann Arbor, Mich. Senior **GEORGE BEATTY** (Aberdeen, N.J.) was the lone Golden Gopher to qualify for the NCAA Championships on April 16-18, in University Park, Pa. Beatty competed on the parallel bars, but did not advance to the event finals.

DISAPPOINTING FINISH: Beatty qualified for the NCAA Championships with a 9.550 on the parallel bars, good for 12th place, at the East Regionals in Amherst, Mass., April 4. At the championships, however, Beatty faltered on his routine and finished with a 7.400.

GOPHERS LOSE THREE SENIORS: Along with Beatty, Minnesota will lose two other seniors, co-captain **BOB HUBBARD** (Phoenix, Ariz.) and **MICHAEL MAMAKOS** (Huntington, N.Y.). Hubbard, a three-year letter-winner, missed the entire 1998 season due to an injury, but was a valuable contributor for three seasons. Mamakos, a transfer from UCLA where he was a member of two U.S. Collegiate National championship teams, was a two-year letterwinner at Minnesota.

STRONG NUCLEUS RETURNS: Minnesota returns the majority of their 1998 team. Junior **JASON KROB** (St. Charles, Mo.) will once again be ranked with the top pommel horse performers in the country heading into next year. Krob fin-

ished 1998 ranked 10th in the country in that event. Fellow junior **DAN BOOTS** (Pearland, Texas) missed the entire season with an injury, but looks to return to the form that saw him finish eighth at the 1997 Big Ten Championships on the high bar. Sophomore **LINDSEY FANG** (Allentown, Pa.) finished the season strongly with a career-high performance at the Big Ten Championships, placing seventh in the all-around. He went on to finish 11th in the all-around at the NCAA East Regionals.

NEWCOMERS IMPRESS: BOB GOSS

(Kenosha, Wis.) and **RYAN WINTERBOURNE** (Anaheim, Calif.) were "dropped into the deep end of the pool," but both came up swimming. With injuries to three Golden Gophers, the first-year competitors were counted on immediately. Goss, a true freshman, qualified for the NCAA East Regionals on the vault, but did not make the trip. Winterbourne, a sophomore in his first year of competition, was Minnesota's lone bright spot on the still rings. He established a new career high with a 9.500 on the rings against Illinois, Feb. 7. Winterbourne also established three career highs at the Big Ten Championships and competed for the first time in the all-around competition.

COACH ROETHLISBERGER: Head Coach Fred Roethlisberger completed his 27th year at the helm of the University of Minnesota Gymnastics program. Roethlisberger has led his team to 11 Big Ten Championships during his tenure and has a 171-74-1 (.697) career record.



SCOREBOARD

1998 MEN'S GYMNASTICS SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Site/Result
Jan. 10	Alumni Meet	* L 213.90-221.85
Jan. 17	Windy City Invitational	7th/213.85
Jan. 31	Ohio State	L 217.95-226.35
Feb. 7	Illinois	L 221.070-216.550
Feb. 13	Michigan State	L 221.75-228.425
Feb. 14	Michigan	L 222.575-226.85
Feb. 27	Nebraska	L 221.275-229.575
Mar. 1	Iowa	L 222.90-226.40
Mar. 7	Illinois-Chicago	W 224.100-220.800
Mar. 20-21	Big Ten Championships	7th/222.225
April 4	NCAA East Regionals	No team scores
April 16-18	NCAA Championships	No team scores

*Exhibition

GOPHER FLASHES

NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS: The NCAA Championships took place this past weekend, April 16-18 in University Park, Pa. California captured the team title, while Illinois' Travis Romagnoli won the all-around competition.

NCAA Team Results:

1. California	231.200
2. Iowa	229.625
3. Illinois	228.000

Individual Results

All-Around: Travis Romagnoli (Ill.) 58.225
Floor Exercise: Darin Gerlach (Temple) 9.8125
Pommel Horse: Josh Birckelbay (Calif.) 9.825
Still Rings: Dan Fink (Okla.) 9.8875
Vault: Travis Romagnoli (Ill.) 9.7125
Parallel Bars: Marshall Nelson (Neb.) 9.7875
High Bar: Todd Bishop (Okla.) 9.9375

TENNIS

THIS WEEK: Minnesota closes out its regular-season schedule with a Sunday morning match against Indiana April 26. Action gets underway at 9 a.m. at the 98th Street Racquet Club in Bloomington, Minn.

MILESTONE ACHIEVED: Junior **TOM CHICOINE** (Neenah, Wis) won his 75th career singles match with a 6-1, 2-6, 6-3 victory over Purdue's Jamie Gordon Saturday. Chicoine reached the 20-win plateau this season with the victory. He has won three of his last four, including upsets over No. 24 Marc Silva of Northwestern and No. 41 Oliver Freelove of sixth-ranked Illinois. Chicoine is the only Golden Gopher to play at just one position, remaining Minnesota's No. 1 singles player all year.

AGAINST ILLINOIS: Chicoine and sophomore **MARTIN MICHALOWSKI** (Ottawa, Ont.) staged upsets in singles play, but the U of M lost to sixth-ranked Illinois 5-2 Friday at the 98th Street Racquet Club.

Chicoine defeated No. 41 Oliver Freelove 6-1, 4-6, 6-4 to win at No. 1 singles, and Michalowski knocked off No. 44 Cary Franklin 5-7, 7-6, 6-1 at No. 3 singles. Michalowski battled from a 5-1 set back in the second-set tie-break to win the second set and close out the third set for the win.

Illinois won the doubles point and took four of six singles matches to win its seventh straight Big Ten match. Minnesota's **JON SVENSSON** (Kristianstad, Sweden) lost at the No. 4 posi-

tion to end his 16-match winning streak.

AGAINST PURDUE: The Golden Gophers earned a 4-3 victory over Purdue late Saturday night at the Rochester Athletic Club in Rochester, Minn. Junior **MARTIN KRISTOFFERSEN** (Portsgrunn, Norway) won the deciding match at No. 5 singles, beating Dan Swan 4-6, 6-4, 7-5 to end a four-and-a-half hour battle with the Boilermakers.

The deciding doubles point match came down to an 18-16 tie-break between Minnesota's **JORGE DUENAS** (Santo Domingo, D.R.) and **TYSON PARRY** (Chatham, Ont.) and the

Boilermakers' Gordon and Jason Marshall. Purdue won that match and the doubles' point. The Golden Gophers then battled back to take four of six singles matches and beat Purdue 4-3.



SCOUTING THE OPPOSITION: Indiana and Minnesota hold nearly identical records, as both teams are 8-11 overall, while the Hoosiers are 3-5 in the conference and the Golden Gophers are 4-5. The match Sunday could prove to be very important for Big Ten Championship seedings.

Indiana is coming off a 7-0 loss to Notre Dame, and will face Iowa April 25 before playing the U of M.

Minnesota leads the all-time series by a slight 25-22 margin. Last year, the Golden Gophers beat the Hoosiers 4-0 at the Big Ten Championships, but lost earlier in the year 4-3 in Bloomington, Ind.

SCOREBOARD

ILLINOIS 5, MINNESOTA 2
Bloomington, Minn.
April 17, 1998

Singles

- No. 1 - Tom Chicoine (UM) def. Oliver Freelove (IL) 6-1, 4-6, 6-4
- No. 2 - Gavin Sontag (IL) def. Adam Selkirk (UM) 6-2, 6-2
- No. 3 - Martin Michalowski (UM) def. Cary Franklin (IL) 5-7, 7-6, 6-1
- No. 4 - Jakub Teplý (IL) def. Jon Svensson (UM) 4-6, 7-6, 6-2
- No. 5 - Jeff Laski (IL) def. Jorge Duenas (UM) 6-4, 6-3
- No. 6 - Matthew Snyder (IL) def. Martin Kristoffersen (UM) 7-6, 7-6

Doubles

- No. 1 - Freelove/Laski (IL) def. Michalowski/Chicoine (UM) 8-6
- No. 2 - Sontag/Brady Blain (IL) def. Duenas/Tyson Parry (UM) 8-6
- No. 3 - Snyder/Teplý (IL) def. Selkirk/Svensson (UM) 9-8

MINNESOTA 4, PURDUE 3
Rochester, Minn.
April 18, 1998

Singles

- No. 1 - Tom Chicoine (UM) def. Jamie Gordon (PU) 6-1, 2-6, 6-3
- No. 2 - Cris James (PU) def. Adam Selkirk (UM) 6-4, 6-2
- No. 3 - Martin Michalowski (UM) def. Derek Myers (PU) 7-6, 6-2
- No. 4 - Jason Marshall (PU) def. Jorge Duenas (UM) 6-4, 6-3
- No. 5 - Martin Kristoffersen (UM) def. Dan Swan (PU) 4-6, 6-4, 7-5
- No. 6 - Tyson Parry (UM) def. Cade Lutz (PU) 6-1, 6-4

Doubles

- No. 1 - James/Myers (PU) def. Chicoine/Michalowski (UM) 8-4
- No. 2 - Gordon/Marshall (PU) def. Duenas/Parry (UM) 9-8 (16)
- No. 3 - Selkirk/Kristoffersen (UM) def. G.T. Cozad/Swan (8-2)

Records

Singles	Overall	Dual	Tourn.	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6
Tom Chicoine	20-16	7-11	13-5	7-11					
Adam Selkirk	9-20	5-11	4-9	1-0	3-10	1-1			
M. Michalowski	19-14	7-8	12-6		3-1	4-7			
Jorge Duenas	18-18	6-11	12-9			3-4	2-5	1-2	
Tyson Parry	15-13	7-5	8-8				1-1	3-3	3-1
Jon Svensson	22-9	16-1	7-8			2-0	6-0	4-1	4-0
M. Kristoffersen	16-9	10-2	6-7					3-1	7-1
Ed Marques	2-8		2-8						
Voke Okoh	0-2		0-2						

Doubles

Doubles	Overall	Dual	Tourn.	#1	#2	#3
Michalowski/Parry	13-11	2-8	11-3	2-8		
Chicoine/Duenas	8-11	3-5	5-6		3-5	
Chicoine/Michal.	4-2	4-2	0-0	4-2		
Duenas/Svensson	2-0	2-1	0-0	1-0		1-0
Kristoff./Selkirk	3-1	3-1	0-0			3-1
Selkirk/Svensson	8-8	4-5	4-3			4-5
Kristoff./Svensson	3-1	1-0	2-1		1-0	
Kristoffersen/Parry	0-1	0-1	0-0		0-1	
Duenas/Parry	1-1	1-1	0-0		1-1	
Marques/Okoh	1-1		1-1			
Chicoine/Kristoff.	0-1	0-1		0-1		
Chicoine/Michal.	1-0	1-0	1-0			
Selkirk/Parry	0-1	0-1				
Duenas/Kristoff.	0-1	0-1				

TRACK & FIELD

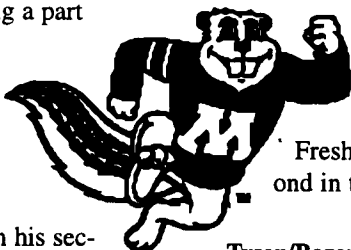
THIS WEEK: The Golden Gophers compete in the prestigious Drake Relays in Des Moines, Iowa, Friday and Saturday, April 25-26. Events run all afternoon and evening.

RECAPPING THE 1997 DRAKE RELAYS:

Minnesota tied a school record with three titles at the nation's premier track and field meet last year. Junior **VESA RANTANEN** (Virrat, Finland) was part of two of those titles, winning the pole vault with a height of 18-01.25, and being a part of 4x110 shuttle hurdle relay. The relay team of Rantanen, former Golden Gophers **AARON WHEATCRAFT** and **SETH MISCHKE** and senior **NILES DENEEN** (St. Paul, Minn.) took home Minnesota's first relay crown at the Drake Relays since 1955. Also placing first was former Golden Gopher **JASON SCHLUETER** who won his second straight Drake Relays discus title, throwing 186-11.

Minnesota has won 34 titles at the Drake Relays since 1912.

AT THE TYSON INVITATIONAL: Minnesota senior **RICK OBLEMAN** (Regina, Sask.) and sophomore **JASON OWEN** (Stewartville, Minn.) provisionally qualified for the NCAA Championships at the Tyson/Razorback Invitational Friday and Saturday in Fayetteville, Ark. Obleman took fourth in the 3,000-meter steeplechase with a personal-best qualifying



time of 8:51.78. Owen finished fourth in the 800-meter run in a career-best qualifying time of 1:48.92.

Five other Golden Gophers posted career-best outdoor times as Minnesota finished in the top five in five of the six events the team competed in. Chad Johnson took fourth with a career-best outdoor time of 14:39.48 in the 5,000-meter run in his first competition of the track and field season.

OTHER COMPETITION: The Golden Gophers also sent athletes to the Carleton Relays Saturday at Carleton College in Northfield, Minn. Deneen won the 110-meter hurdles with a Carleton Relays' record time of 14.36. Senior **TONY RITER** (Shoreview, Minn.) won the 1,500-meter run, and three Golden Gophers finished in second place. Freshman **MARK FAHEY** (Scandia, Minn.) took second in the discus and third in the shot put.

Tyson/Razorback Invitational
April 17-18, 1998

John McDonnell Field, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Ark.

800-METER RUN

1. Aaron Richberg, Auburn 1:48.27; 1. John Matheri, BCJC 1:48.27; 3. A. J. Ellison, Tulsa 1:48.73; 4. Jason Owen, Minnesota 1:48.92; 5. Rodney Peterson, Tulsa 1:49.24; 6. Kevin Jukes, Pittsburg 1:50.72; 7. Matt Norton, Unattached 1:50.81; 8. Ron Hoffner, Minnesota 1:50.99; 9. Cornelius Mason, Tulsa 1:51.03; 10. Jesse Sand, Drake 1:51.80; 11. Job Tuwei, DCCC 1:52.04; 12. Brian Ely, Arkansas 1:52.20; 13. Dwayne

Minnesota 14:47.90; 7. Eric Hartmark, Minnesota 14:51.17; 8. Boniface Ndungu, DCCC 14:55.65; 9. Danny Silva, UMKC 15:10.19; 10. Tim Chambers, UMKC 15:12.82; 11. Keith O'Dorherty, Arkansas 15:13.10; 12. Tim Surface, Tulsa 15:18.63; 13. Eric Richard, Tulsa 15:24.07; 14. Andrew Bosak, SIU 15:29.68; 15. Benjamin Besalay, SIU 15:37.92

HIGH JUMP

1. Brian Brown, Unattached 2.22m (7-03.25); 2. Kenny Evans, Arkansas 2.18m (7-01.75); 3. James Ballard, Arkansas 2.12m (6-11.50); 4. Tyler McCormick, Minnesota 2.08m (6-09.75); 5. Joey Brunkhorst, Iowa St. 2.08m (6-09.75); 6. Jason Jones, Missouri 2.03m (6-08); 6. Wil Kurth, Minnesota 2.03m (6-08); 6. Adam Ford, Missouri 2.03m (6-08); 9. Tyson Sims, Mo. Southern 2.00m (6-06.75)

SCOREBOARD

Miner, Unattached 1:53.02; 14. Brian Young, Okla. St. 1:53.04; 15. Charlie Gruber, Kansas 1:53.49

1,500-METER RUN

1. Seneca Lassiter, Arkansas 3:39.28; 2. Phillip Price, Arkansas 3:41.27; 3. Michael Power, Arkansas 3:41.80; 4. Jeremy Huffman, Arkansas 3:44.18; 5. Christian Nicolson, Unattached 3:44.87; 6. Dwight Davis, Tulsa 3:45.75; 7.

Chuck Sloan, Okla. St. 3:45.85; 8. Matt Gabrielson, Drake 3:46.66; 9. James Kareny, DCCC 3:48.39; 10. Jared Wilmes, Unattached 3:49.23; 11. David Levy, Arkansas 3:50.74; 12. Jeremy Haack, Drake 3:52.37; 13. Teddy Towle, Auburn 3:53.41; 14. Kristian Braekkan, Tulsa 3:53.88; 15. Josh Brang, Minnesota 3:54.27

3,000-METER RUN

1. Jason Bunston, Unattached 8:01.93; 2. Reuben Reina, Unattached 8:04.17; 3. Sean Kaley, Arkansas 8:04.84; 4. Niall Bruton, Unattached 8:06.05; 5. Sami Valtonen, Minnesota 8:08.88; 6. Alan Dunlevy, Arkansas 8:14.45; 7. Christian Nicolson, Unattached 8:15.83; 8. Rene' Carlsen, Okla. St. 8:18.79; 9. Colin Jones, BCJC 8:23.04; 10. Matthew McClelland, SIU 8:28.04; 11. Calvin Staples, SMS 8:32.65; 12. Erik Framme, Okla. St. 8:33.15; 13. Bryan Carlson, SMS 8:33.53; 14. Lee Tittle, UMKC 8:36.98; 15. Danny Silva, UMKC 8:37.37

5,000-METER RUN

1. Joseph Koyo, BCCC 14:16.70; 2. Saul Lempirikany, Iowa St. 14:35.02; 3. Colin Jones, BCJC 14:36.68; 4. Chad Johnson, Minnesota 14:39.48; 5. Zac Schendel, Drake 14:47.04; 6. Jeremy Polson,

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THIS WEEK IN GOPHER SPORTS

Wed., April 29

- ☐ **Baseball** vs. Bethel
Siebert Field
2:30 p.m.
- ☐ **Baseball** vs. Viterbo
Siebert Field
6:30 p.m.

Fri., May 1

- ☐ **Baseball** at Michigan State
Lansing, Mich.
KKMS-AM (980) (Live)
7 p.m.
- ☐ **Tennis** at Big Ten Championships
Champaign, Ill.
All Day

Sat., May 2

- ☐ **Baseball** at Michigan State (2)
Lansing, Mich.
KKMS-AM (980) (Live)
4 p.m.
- ☐ **Golf** at Wolverine Invitational
Ann Arbor, Mich.
All Day

Sat., May 2

- ☐ **Tennis** at Big Ten Championships
Champaign, Ill.
All Day
- ☐ **Track & Field** vs. Minnesota Classic
Bierman Track and Field
9 a.m.

Sun., May 3

- ☐ **Baseball** at Michigan State
Lansing, Mich.
KKMS-AM (980) (Live)
1 p.m.
- ☐ **Golf** at Wolverine Invitational
Ann Arbor, Mich.
All Day
- ☐ **Tennis** at Big Ten Championships
Champaign, Ill.
All Day
- ☐ **Track & Field** at Jesse Owens Classic
Columbus, Ohio
9 a.m.

GOPHER HOTLINE

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Tuesday, April 28:
Head Football Coach **GLEN MASON**'s post-game comments from Saturday's spring football game

Wednesday, April 29:
Senior outfielder **MARK GROEBNER** on the Michigan State series

Thursday, April 30:
Sophomore pitcher **BEN BIRK** on the Michigan State series

Friday, May 1:
Head Baseball Coach **JOHN ANDERSON** on the Michigan State series

WEEKLY RELEASES

The University of Minnesota Men's Media Relations Office will be producing five separate releases during the 1997-98 academic year. Football, basketball, hockey and baseball information will be covered in sport-specific weekly releases, while information on "Olympic Sports" will appear each Monday in this release. Please refer any questions to the Men's Media Relations office at (612) 625-4090.

GOLF

THIS WEEK: The Golden Gopher men's golf team will travel to the Wolverine Invitational in Ann Arbor, Mich., this weekend. Minnesota will play two rounds Saturday, May 2, and a final round on Sunday, May 3, in the 54-hole event.

DOWN THE ROAD: The Golden Gophers will have their sights set on a conference title when they travel to East Lansing, Mich., for the Big Ten Tournament on May 8-10. The NCAA Central Regional follows on May 13-15, with the collegiate golf season concluding with the NCAA Championships in Albuquerque, New Mexico (hosted by University of New Mexico) from May 24-30.

MINNESOTA FINISHES IN SECOND PLACE AT COBRA COLLEGIATE: The University of Minnesota men's golf team posted a solid second-place finish after a third-round team score of 300 Sunday in the final day of the 1998 Cobra Collegiate at Firestone Country Club in Akron, Ohio. The Golden Gophers, who finished nine shots behind team champion Kent, had narrowed the gap from the 14-stroke cushion the Golden Flashes built heading into Sunday's final 18 holes.

The final day was played despite cold and rainy conditions at the tournament hosted by the University of Akron. Minnesota finished ahead of 17 teams in the 19-team invitational, including four other Big Ten schools.

The Golden Gophers placed four players in the top 15 individu-

ally, paced by freshman **JAMES MCLEAN** (Wahgunjah, Victoria, Australia) (70-71-73--214, fourth) at 2-under par 216 and junior **ADAM DOOLEY** (Albany, Minn.), (74-68-74--216, fifth) at even par for the tournament. Sophomore **MARTIN LE MESURIER** (Hampshire, England) and junior **BILL THOMPSON** (Wayzata, Minn.), tied for 12th with 54-hole totals of 3-over par 216.

Cobra Collegiate/Firestone Country Club

Par: 72 Yardage: 7,060

Final Tournament Totals

Teams	Scores
Kent State	276-280-305--861 (-3)
Minnesota	290-280-300--870 (+6)
Toledo	288-288-295--871 (+7)
Ball State	292-288-295--875 (+11)
Illinois	289-289-302--880 (+16)
Miami	304-280-296--880 (+16)
Akron	287-291-308--886 (+22)
Louisville	292-296-312--900 (+36)
Eastern Michigan	301-292-309--902 (+38)
Purdue	295-293-316--904 (+40)
East Carolina	295-303-309--907 (+43)
Navy	304-291-314--909 (+45)
Wisconsin	297-296-317--910 (+46)
Ohio University	297-298-316--911 (+47)
Iowa	299-301-312--912 (+48)
Bowling Green	302-296-320--918 (+54)
Marshall	306-293-320--919 (+55)
Xavier	302-302-318--922 (+58)
Northern Illinois	303-300-327--930 (+66)

Cobra Collegiate/Firestone Country Club

Par: 72 Yardage: 7,060

Final Tournament Totals

Top 10 Individuals

Player	School	Scores (-/+)
1. Jon Mills	Kent State	65-68-72--205 (-11)
2. Jamie Broce	Ball State	70-67-72--209 (-7)
3. D.A. Points	Illinois	66-74-72--212 (-4)
4. James McLean	Minnesota	70-71-73--214 (-2)
5. Adam Dooley	Minnesota	74-68-74--216 (even)
6. Ashley Witt	Toledo	71-72-74--217 (+1)
Chuck Radabaugh	Toledo	71-69-77--217 (+1)
Todd Lancaster	Kent State	69-71-77--217 (+1)
Aaron Wright	Navy	74-71-72--217 (+1)
10. Ben Curtis	Kent State	70-72-76--218 (+2)
Billy Williamson	Akron	72-70-76--218 (+2)

Golden Gopher Scores

Player	Scores (Place)
James McLean	70-71-73--214 (4)
Adam Dooley	74-68-74--216 (5)
Bill Thompson	72-72-75--219 (T-12)
Martin LeMesurier	74-72-73--219 (T-12)
Rob Kerr	79-69-78--226 (T-31)

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA GOLF TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL RESULTS AND STROKE AVERAGES (1997-98 season as of 4/27/98)

TEAM STATS

DATE	TOURNAMENT	SCORES	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15	ReliaStar Collegiate Invite	287/286/282	855/1st out of 12
Sept. 27-28	Northern Collegiate Invite	296/288/294	878/T-2nd out of 17
Oct. 6-7	Nike Northwest Classic	301/299/295	895/T-13th out of 22
Oct. 10-11	Coca-Cola Classic	289/300/291	880/2nd out of 21

Feb. 16-17	Bridges All-American	286/301	587/3rd out of 18
Feb. 23-24	Puerto Rico Classic	297/298/290	885/T-4th out of 15
March 23-24	Cuscowilla Intercollegiate	301/289/284	874/9th out of 12
March 28-29	Dr. Pepper Intercollegiate	291/284/294	869/1st out of 18
Apr. 10-11	Marshall Invitational	291/290/290	871/5th out of 20
Apr. 25-26	Cobra Collegiate	290/280/300	870/2nd out of 19

INDIVIDUAL STATS

James McLean

	TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Feb. 16-17	Bridges All-American	71/83	142	154/T-50th out of 90
Feb. 23-24	Puerto Rico Classic	73/73/68	216	214/5th out of 75
March 23-24	Cuscowilla Intercoll.	74/67/72	210	213/11th out of 60
March 28-29	Dr. Pepper Intercoll.	70/69/73	216	212/1st out of 90
Apr. 10-11	Marshall Invitational	73/70/72	213	215/T-9th out of 100
Apr. 25-26	Cobra Collegiate	70/71/73	216	214/4th out of 100
Rounds: 17	Strokes: 1222	Average: 71.9		

	TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15	ReliaStar Coll. Invite*	72/77/69	216	218/T15th out of 65
Rounds: 3	Strokes: 218	Average: 72.7		

	TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15	ReliaStar Coll. Invite	70/68/71	216	209/1st out of 65
Sept. 27-28	Northern Coll. Invite	74/65/71	216	210/1st out of 90
Oct. 6-7	Nike Northwest Classic	75/76/75	216	226/T-56th out of 110
Oct. 10-11	Coca-Cola Classic	73/79/70	216	222/T-19th out of 111
Feb. 16-17	Bridges All-American	69/72	142	141/1st out of 90
Feb. 23-24	Puerto Rico Classic	76/73/72	216	221/T-17th out of 75
March 23-24	Cuscowilla Intercoll.	78/75/71	210	224/T-41st out of 60
March 28-29	Dr. Pepper Intercoll.	74/71/74	216	219/T-8th out of 90
Apr. 10-11	Marshall Invitational	74/76/74	213	224/T-55th out of 100
Apr. 25-26	Cobra Collegiate	79/69/78	216	226/T-31st out of 100
Rounds: 29	Strokes: 2122	Average: 73.2		

GOLF

Martin Le Mesurier

	TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15	ReliaStar Colleg. Invite	78/74/70	216	222/T-32nd out of 65
Sept. 27-28	Northern Colleg. Invite	72/78/73	216	223/T-18th out of 90
Oct. 6-7	Nike Northwest Classic	79/73/75	216	227/T-59th out of 110
Oct. 10-11	Coca-Cola Classic	72/74/73	216	219/12th out of 111
Feb. 23-24	Puerto Rico Classic	72/72/75	216	219/T-11th out of 75
March 23-24	Cuscowilla Intercoll.	71/75/68	210	214/T-12th out of 60
March 28-29	Dr. Pepper Intercoll.	72/73/73	216	218/T-6th out of 90
Apr. 25-26	Cobra Collegiate	74/72/73	216	219/T-12th out of 100
Rounds: 27	Strokes: 1977			Average: 73.2

Bill Thompson

	TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15	ReliaStar Colleg. Invite	71/73/71	216	215/T-6th out of 65
Sept. 27-28	Northern Colleg. Invite	76/72/75	216	223/T-18th out of 90
Oct. 6-7	Nike Northwest Classic	72/74/71	216	217/T-10th out of 110
Oct. 10-11	Coca-Cola Classic	71/73/76	216	220/T-13th out of 111
Feb. 16-17	Bridges All-American	76/76	142	152/T-38th out of 90
March 23-24	Cuscowilla Intercoll.	78/72/73	210	223/T-38th out of 60
March 28-29	Dr. Pepper Intercoll.	75/75/74	216	224/T-17th out of 90
Apr. 10-11	Marshall Invitational	74/74/76	213	224/T-55th out of 100
Apr. 25-26	Cobra Collegiate	72/72/75	216	219/T-12th out of 100
Rounds: 26	Strokes: 1917			Average: 73.7

	TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15	ReliaStar Colleg. Invite	74/77/70	216	221/T-28th out of 65
Oct. 10-11	Coca-Cola Classic	77/74/73	216	224/T-35th out of 111
Feb. 16-17	Bridges All-American	72/79	142	151/T-35th out of 90
Feb. 23-24	Puerto Rico Classic	80/80/76	216	236/T-62nd out of 75
March 28-29	Dr. Pepper Intercoll.	77/71/76	216	224/T-17th out of 90
Apr. 10-11	Marshall Invitational	72/75/71	213	218/T-22nd out of 100
Apr. 25-26	Cobra Collegiate	74/68/74	216	216/5th out of 100
Rounds: 20	Strokes: 1490			Average: 74.5

	TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15	ReliaStar Colleg. Invite*	71/73/70	216	214/T-4th out of 65
Sept. 27-28	Northern Colleg. Invite	79/78/75	216	232/T-53rd out of 90
Oct. 6-7	Nike Northwest Classic	78/76/74	216	228/T-70th out of 110
March 8-9	Alabama-Birming. Invite	81/77	144	n/a
Rounds: 11	Strokes: 832			Average: 75.6

	TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15	ReliaStar Colleg. Invite	72/71/72	216	215/T-6th out of 65
Sept. 27-28	Northern Colleg. Invite	74/73/76	216	223/T-18th out of 90
Oct. 6-7	Nike Northwest Classic	76/79/82	216	237/T-99th out of 110
Feb. 16-17	Bridges All-American	74/74	142	148/T-18th out of 90
Feb. 23-24	Puerto Rico Classic	76/83/75	216	234/T-57th out of 75
March 23-24	Cuscowilla Intercoll.	78/78/74	210	230/T-52nd out of 60
Rounds: 17	Strokes: 1287			Average: 75.7

	TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15	ReliaStar Colleg. Invite*	76/76/71	216	223/T-37th out of 65
Oct. 10-11	Coca-Cola Classic	73/83/75	216	231/T-76th out of 111
March 8-9	Alabama-Birming. Invite	79/79	144	n/a
Rounds: 8	Strokes: 612			Average: 76.5

	TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15	ReliaStar Colleg. Invite*	75/72/72	216	219/T-20th out of 65
March 8-9	Alabama-Birming. Invite	87/79	144	n/a
Rounds: 5	Strokes: 385			Average: 77.0

Santiago Fernandez

	TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
Sept. 14-15	ReliaStar Colleg. Invite*	83/83/78	216	244/64th out of 65
March 8-9	Alabama-Birming. Invite	78/82	144	n/a
Rounds: 5	Strokes: 404			Average: 80.8

Dave Gunderson

	TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
March 8-9	Alabama-Birming. Invite	84/77	144	n/a
Rounds: 2	Strokes: 161			Average: 80.5

	TOURNAMENT	SCORES	PAR	FINAL/FINISH
March 8-9	Alabama-Birming. Invite	86/79	144	n/a
Rounds: 2	Strokes: 165			Average: 82.5

Note: * indicates that the golfer competed as an individual and the scores did not count towards the team score



TENNIS

THIS WEEK: The Golden Gophers enter the Big Ten Championships Friday through Sunday as the sixth seed. Minnesota will play at least one match Friday in Champaign, Ill., and two if it loses its first match. Play begins at 9 a.m. Minnesota will most likely play Purdue, a team the Golden Gophers beat 4-3 April 18.

MINNESOTA AND THE CHAMPIONSHIPS:

For the last 20 years, Minnesota has finished among the top five in the conference, winning the title seven times and tying for it once. The Golden Gophers have only placed in the top five 27 times in their history, underscoring the excellence of the program over the last two decades.

The U of M was the dominating force in the early part of the 1990s, capturing four straight championships from 1992-95. Among active Big Ten schools, the Golden Gophers hold the second most titles (15), but haven't won since 1995. Michigan, which leads the conference with 36 championships, including a run of 16 straight titles from 1968-1983, ended the Golden Gophers' streak with its title in 1996.

LAST SEASON AT BIG TENS: Last year Minnesota entered the field as the seventh seed, holding an 8-12 overall and 4-6 Big Ten record. The Golden Gophers faced Purdue, the fourth seed, and advanced with a 4-2 win. At the conference championships, matches are decided once one team reaches four

points. Minnesota went on to lose to eventual champion Illinois in the semifinals and defeat Indiana 4-0 for a third-place finish.

AGAINST INDIANA: The Golden Gophers secured a bye out of the play-in round of the Big Ten Championships with their 6-1 victory over Indiana Sunday at the 98th Street Racquet Club in Bloomington, Minn. The win brought Minnesota's conference record to 5-5, good enough for a sixth-place seeding at the conference championships. Those teams seeded eighth through 11th must play and win Thursday in order to compete for the conference title. The other seeds begin action Friday.

Minnesota was bolstered by a sweep in doubles competition, its first since January 17th when the team won all three positions against Notre Dame. Junior **TOM CHICOINE** (Neenah, Wis.) and sophomore **MARTIN MICHALOWSKI** (Ottawa, Ont.) defeated Indiana's Gabe Montilla and Derek Pope 8-4 at the No. 1 position to lead the attack.

The Golden Gophers took Nos. 2-6 in singles to complete the 6-1 victory. Junior **ADAM SELKIRK** (St. Joseph, Mo.) snapped a four-match losing streak in a come-from-behind win over Montilla 3-6, 6-2, 6-4, and Michalowski became Minnesota's third 20-win performer this season. Michalowski picked up the win over Scott Lippitt 7-6, 6-2 in the third position, extending a three-match winning streak. He is 20-14 this year.



SCOREBOARD

MINNESOTA 6, INDIANA 1

Bloomington, Minn.

April 26, 1998

Singles

- No. 1 Derek Pope (IU) def. Tom Chicoine (UM) 5-7, 6-2, 6-4
- No. 2 Adam Selkirk (UM) def. Gabe Montilla (IU) 3-6, 6-2, 6-4
- No. 3 Martin Michalowski (UM) def. Scott Lippitt (IU) 7-6, 6-2
- No. 4 Jon Svensson (UM) def. George McGill (IU) 6-1, 6-2
- No. 5 Martin Kristoffersen (UM) def. Andrew Held (IU) 6-1, 6-3
- No. 6 Tyson Parry (UM) def. Ian Arons (IU) 6-0, 6-4

Doubles

- No. 1 Chicoine/Michalowski (UM) def. Montilla/Pope (IU) 8-4
- No. 2 Jorge Duenas/Parry (UM) def. Lippitt/Held (IU) 9-7
- No. 3 Selkirk/Kristoffersen (UM) def. McGill/Ricardo Jordan (IU) 8-4

Records

Singles	Overall	Dual	Tourn.	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6
Tom Chicoine	20-17	7-12	13-5	7-12					
Adam Selkirk	10-20	6-11	4-9	1-0	4-10	1-1			
M. Michalowski	20-14	8-8	12-6		3-1	5-7			
Jorge Duenas	18-18	6-11	12-9			3-4	2-5	1-2	
Tyson Parry	16-13	8-5	8-8				1-1	3-3	4-1
Jon Svensson	23-9	17-1	7-8			2-0	7-0	4-1	4-0
M. Kristoffersen	17-9	11-2	6-7					4-1	7-1
Ed Marques	2-8		2-8						
Voke Okoh	0-2		0-2						

Doubles	Overall	Dual	Tourn.	#1	#2	#3
Michalowski/Parry	13-11	2-8	11-3	2-8		
Chicoine/Duenas	8-11	3-5	5-6		3-5	
Chicoine/Michal.	5-2	5-2	0-0	5-2		
Duenas/Svensson	2-0	2-1	0-0	1-0		1-0
Kristoff./Selkirk	4-1	4-1	0-0			4-1
Selkirk/Svensson	8-8	4-5	4-3			4-5
Kristoff./Svensson	3-1	1-0	2-1		1-0	
Kristoffersen/Parry	0-1	0-1	0-0		0-1	
Duenas/Parry	2-3	2-3	0-0		2-3	
Marques/Okoh	1-1		1-1			
Chicoine/Kristoff.	0-1	0-1		0-1		
Chicoine/Michal.	1-0	1-0	1-0			
Selkirk/Parry	0-1	0-1				
Duenas/Kristoff.	0-1	0-1				

TRACK & FIELD

THIS WEEK: The Golden Gophers host the Minnesota Classic Saturday at the Bierman Track and Field. Events begin at 9 a.m. with the hammer. On Sunday, Minnesota will compete in the Jesse Owens Classic in Columbus, Ohio, starting at 9 a.m.

LAST SEASON: Five Golden Gophers won event titles at last year's Minnesota Classic including an NCAA provisional throw by former Gopher **JASON SCHLUETER**.

Former U of M athlete **SETH MISCHKE** won the pole vault at last year's Jesse Owens Classic. Six others placed in the top five.

AT THE DRAKE RELAYS: Four Minnesota men's track and field athletes placed in the top 10 at the prestigious Drake Relays in Des Moines, Iowa Friday. Leading the way were the relay teams. The Golden Gophers' 4x800-meter relay team of **RON HOFFNER** (Brooklyn Park, Minn.), **JOSH BRANG** (Winona, Minn.), **SAMI VALTONEN** (Lahti, Finland) and **JASON OWEN** (Stewartville, Minn.) took fourth with a time of 7:29.51, while the 4x1,600-meter relay team of **CHAD JOHNSON** (Chetek, Wis.), **ERIC HARTMARK** (Duluth, Minn.), **JEREMY POLSON** (Duluth, Minn.) and **RICK OBLEMAN** (Regina, Sask.) finished fifth with a time of 17:03.55.

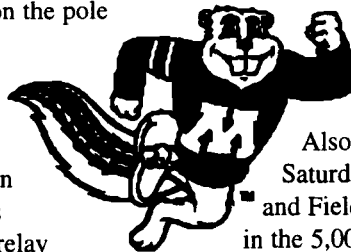
Junior **TYLER MCCORMICK** (White Bear Lake) went 23-

05.25 (7.14m) in the long jump for eighth place and sophomore **ADAM REED** (Milwaukee, Wis.) placed 10th in the discus with a throw of 173-03 (52.81m). Senior **NILES DENEEN** (St. Paul, Minn.) competed in the preliminary race of the 110-meter high hurdles.

On Saturday Owen placed third in the 800-meter run and two other athletes scored NCAA provisional qualifying performance. Owen, a sophomore, finished with a time of 1:49.22, while senior **TYE HARVEY** (Jamestown, Calif.) and junior **VESA RANTANEN** (Virrat, Finland) posted qualifying heights in the pole vault.

Harvey finished tied for third with the season's best vault of 17-07.75 (5.38m), and Rantanen, the defending champion, placed seventh with a height of 17-03.00 (5.26m).

Also finishing in the top five at the Drake Relays Saturday was Head Cross Country and Assistant Track and Field Coach **STEVE PLASENCIA** who took second in the 5,000-meter invitational run.



DRAKE RELAYS APRIL 24-25, 1998 DES MOINES, IOWA FINALS ONLY/MINNESOTA EVENTS ONLY

FRANK CRAMER UNIVERSITY MEN'S 4X800-METER RELAY
1. Scott Galas, Mat Davis, Kevin Lewis, Istvan Nagy, Kansas State, 7:24.88; 2. Tulsa, 7:24.91; 3. Illinois, 7:27.72; 4. Ron Hoffner, Josh Brang, Sami Valtonen, Jason Owen, Minnesota, 7:29.51; 5. Drake, 7:29.69

UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE MEN'S 4X1,600-METER RELAY
1. Jeremy Lyon, Patrick Nduwimana, Micheil Jones, Abdi Abdirahman, Arizona, 16:32.88; 2. Oregon, 16:36.29; 3. Eastern Michigan, 16:43.48;

SCOREBOARD

4. Drake, 16:46.39; 5. Michigan State, 16:50.18; MINN Finisher: 6. Chad Johnson, Eric Hartmark, Jeremy Polson, Rick Obleman, Minnesota, 17:03.55

UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE MEN'S DISCUS

1. Chima Ugwu, Arizona, 202-05 (61.71m); 2. Doug Reynolds, Arizona, 194-01 (59.17m); 3. Jeff Kremer, Central Missouri State, 187-01 (57.02m); 4. Ben Lindsey, Washington, 184-07 (56.27m); 5. Jeremy Allen, Iowa, 181-03 (55.24m); MINN Finishers: 10. Adam Reed, Minnesota, 173-03 (52.81m); 13. Jeff Marsh, Minnesota, 167-08 (51.11m); 21. Chad Yenchsky, Minnesota, 150-05 (45.86m); 23. Mark Fahey, Minnesota, 142-07 (43.45m)

UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE LONG JUMP

1. Frankie Young, Indiana State, 24-08.50 (7.53m); 2. Anthony Hazard, Arizona State, 24-06.50 (7.48m); 3. Joey Mortimore, Oregon, 24-05.75 (7.46m); 4. Andre Horn, Texas-Arlington, 23-11.75 (7.31m); 5. Joe Knuffman, Illinois, 23-11.75 (7.31m); MINN Finisher: 8. Tyler McCormick, Minnesota, 23-05.25 (7.14m)

UNIVERSITY MEN'S DISTANCE MEDLEY RELAY

1: Roman Oravec, Alvis Hall, Bernard Maitai, Clyde Colenso; Southern Methodist 09:41.98. 2: Micheil Jones, Dominic Johnson, Patrick Nduwimana, Abdi Abdirahman; Arizona 09:47.43. 3: Derrick Peterson, Chad Shade, Blair Hansard, Ray Hughes; Missouri 09:50.36. 4: Matt Gabrielson, Luke Faron, Jesse Sand, Jeremy Haack; Drake 09:52.58. 5: Adam Ellison, Clint Small, Rodney Peterson, Dwight Davis; Tulsa 09:54.65. 6: Todd Humcke, Will Driessen, Richard Girvan, Laird Prosser; Oregon 09:54.97. 7: Rick Obleman, Thomas Gerding, Joshua Brang, Chad Johnson; Minnesota 10:00.66.

UNIVERSITY & COLLEGE MEN'S 3000-METER STEEPLECHASE

1: Vladimir Golias; Central Missouri State 8:49.31 P. 2: Miguel Galeana; Montana State 8:50.25 P. 3: Francious Strydom; Wichita State 9:00.82. 4: Brett Altergott; Wisconsin-La Crosse 9:02.02. 5: Ryan Pirtle; Missouri 9:03.81. 6: Jay Brock; Northern Iowa 9:04.79. 7: Jeremy Lyon; Arizona 9:06.53. MINN Finishers: 17: Tony Riter; Minnesota 9:31.04.

UNIVERSITY & COLLEGE MEN'S 800-METER RUN

1: Ossie Mdziniso; Augustana-SD 1:48.03 P. 2: Bobby True; Illinois 1:48.28 P. 3: Jason Owen; Minnesota 1:49.22. 4: Adam Ellison; Tulsa 1:49.37. 5: Heith Janke; North Dakota State 1:50.02. 6: Jeff DeLong; Central Michigan 1:50.18. 7: Jesse Sand; Drake 1:51.12.

UNIVERSITY & COLLEGE MEN'S TRIPLE JUMP 1: Steve Gordon; South Dakota 52'04.75" P (15.97m). 2: Tim Cawley; Wyoming 51'07.00" (15.72m). 3: Ike Olekaibe; Purdue 51'05.50" (15.68m). 4: Lester Smith; Kansas 51'01.50" (15.58m). 5: Gregg Bleakney; Oregon 50'06.00" (15.39m). 6: Marcus Westberry; Minnesota 50'02.50" (15.30m). 7: Myron McClure; Purdue 50'00.50" (15.25m).

UNIVERSITY & COLLEGE MEN'S POLE VAULT

1: Andrei Skvortsov; Central Missouri State 18'00.50" P (5.50m). 2: Juri Rovani; Northern Iowa 17'07.75" P (5.38m). 3: Tye Harvey; Minnesota 17'07.75" P (5.38m). 3: Piotr Buciariski; Oregon 17'07.75" P (5.38m). 3: Jeff Dutoit; Arizona 17'07.75" P (5.38m). 6: Eric Boxley; Wichita State 17'03.00" P (5.26m). 7: Vesa Rantanen; Minnesota 17'03.00" P (5.26m).

UNIVERSITY & COLLEGE MEN'S HIGH JUMP

1: Mark Koefeld; Montana State 6'11.75" (2.13m). 2: Joey Brunckhorst; Iowa State 6'11.75" (2.13m). 2: Marc Sondreal; North Dakota 6'11.75" (2.13m). 4: Josh Long; Nebraska-Kearney 6'11.75" (2.13m). 5: Ronald Nelson; Prairie View A&M 6'11.75" (2.13m). 6: Ryan Chambers; Texas-Arlington 6'09.75" (2.08m). 7: Jason Jones; Missouri 6'09.75" (2.08m). 7: Mike Mead; Wisconsin-Stevens Point 6'09.75" (2.08m). MINN Finishers: 15: Tyler McCormick; Minnesota 6'07.75" (2.03m). 15: Marc Johannsen; Minnesota 6'07.75" (2.03m). 15: Will Kurth; Minnesota 6'07.75" (2.03m).

UNIVERSITY & COLLEGE MEN'S SHOT PUT

1: Chima Ugwu; Arizona 63'02.75" AP (19.27m). 2: Jason Stuke; Emporia State 61'10.50" AP (18.86m). 3: Ben Lindsey; Washington 61'09.50" AP (18.83m). 4: Reese Hoffa; Georgia 59'10.50" P (18.25m). 5: Andy Richardson; Indianapolis 59'06.25" P (18.14m). 6: Dan Fax; Marquette 59'05.50" P (18.12m). 7: Kevin Mannon; Wyoming 58'10.00" P (17.93m). MINN Finishers: 17: Chad Yenchsky; Minnesota 52'09.25" (16.08m).

INVITATIONAL MEN'S 5000 METER RUN

1: Cleophas Boor; Nebraska 14:15.70. 2: Steve Plascencia; Minneapolis 14:18.30. 3: Saul Lempirikany; Iowa State 14:29.85. 4: Dan Held; Adidas 14:29.94. 5: Matt Brill; North Central 14:33.23. 6: Scott Lidskin; Asics 14:38.33. 7: Clint Verran; Eastern Michigan 14:38.81.